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ROTARIANS GIVE KIDS A DAY OUT



ABOVE:
Pupils from Barry Island Primary School arrive at Brean Sands Theme Park.

THE Rotary Club of Barry has supported Rotary's National 'Kids Out' event by taking over 70 pupils from Barry Island Primary School, Ysgol Maes Dyfan and Palmerston Primary School on a day out by coach to Brean Sands Theme park.

The pupils enjoyed the theme park rides, as well as being provided with hats, sweets and ice-cream for all! Club president, John Shapland, said that it had been a real pleasure to take so many pupils on such a wonderful day out and to see them all enjoying themselves and having such good fun!

The Rotary Club of Barry welcomes new members - men and

women - who are interested in meeting socially and to continue with the club's charitable activities by helping others in the local community.

Club members meet on Thursday evenings at 6pm in the Mount Sorrel Hotel. For more information, contact Peter Battle on 01446 710204.

Rhoose School crash - latest

AS many people were reading last week's GEM, a freak accident at Rhoose Primary School shocked the community and the Vale.

(See page 4 for the latest reactions to the near tragedy).

Judge's anger as man is charged with lesser offence

THE Crown Prosecution Service has been severely criticised by a judge at Cardiff Crown Court for the way in which it handled a case in which a young man escaped from the police and had a four-hour stand off with officers, firemen and an ambulance crew in Barry, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Judge Rhys Rowlands said: "It was incomprehensible that Che Siirak (18) had been charged with obstructing the police and not with escaping."

Siirak, of York Place, Barry, had admitted a charge of obstructing, failing to surrender, dangerous driving, and driving without insurance.

For obstructing the police, he was sent to a young offender institution for two weeks, and for dangerous driving, 30 weeks, to run consecutively.

The judge said that for the obstruction charge, the maximum sentence was four weeks. If he had been charged and convicted of escape, he said he would have given him seven months.

Prosecutor Matthew Cobb said that

on March 26, police went to his home to effect an arrest warrant. In the garden, he tried to escape, but was caught and handcuffed.

Walking to a police vehicle, he sprinted off towards Broad Street and ended up, still handcuffed, on the flat roof of a block of flats.

He shouted: "I'm not spending the night in a ***** cell, I'll jump if you get near me."

An ambulance and two fire engines turned up, and the stand off lasted over four hours.

The judge said that the Crown Prosecution Service had decided to charge the defendant with the lesser offence of obstruction.

"Why did the CPS make such a decision? It was incomprehensible."

The court heard that while on bail, the defendant drove dangerously in Pontypridd Road, Barry, and nearby Jenner Road.

It was estimated that in a 30mph area, he travelled along Jenner Road at 70mph, causing several motorists to take evasive action.

Driving an Audi, he got away from the police and was arrested two days later.

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VANESSA KELLY
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Vanessa Kelly, chiropractor, is now practicing from 242 Cathedral Road clinic in Cardiff.

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Just what kind of society do we want?

WHAT a huge relief to read SK Bowyer's recent letters regarding the draconian cuts to benefits and the 'Bedroom Tax'.

I am no longer a member of any political party, or indeed usually patriotic, but when I saw Danny Boyles' opening of the Olympics I was moved to tears, and proud to be British.

I was reminded of the spirit of 1945, when we had so much hope as a nation, with the creation of the NHS and the building of council houses and the beginning of a fairer more equal society.

Sadly, that hope has been demolished. The gap between the haves and have-nots is forever widening, plus we are presented with a barrage of 'mixed messages'.

For example (quite

rightly) we are told to support 'Help for Heroes' – yet these young people, many of whom have lost limbs in Afghanistan, often cannot claim benefits, even when in a wheelchair.

The other mixed message we are given by the Con-Dems is that they are putting more money into welfare.

But read the small print – that money is going to private companies and the paying of doctors to assess people – some of whom have no hope of regaining mobility.

Mrs Thatcher was famous for saying "There is no such thing as Society".

Whilst I'm sure most of your readers know there is – isn't it time we took a hard look at ourselves and questioned what kind of society do we want?

JH Walker,
Barry

Coping with the seagulls

I READ in the national press last week that council officers in Bath have smeared a number of rooftops with a gel that discourages seagulls from nesting.

Apparently, seagulls hate the smell of the gel, because it makes them think the building is on fire.

The plague of urban seagulls is a long-term nuisance in Barry – not helped by residents who persist in feeding them when these birds are quite capable of scavenging for their own food.

Funds raised for MS research

I WOULD like to thank everyone who attended and donated to my 'Cake Break Day' on Friday, June 21 in Llantwit Major, on behalf of Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

The day went really well and raised £377.75, with donations continuing to come in for this deserving charity.

MS is a neurological condition which affects 100,000 people in the UK.

To find out more about the MS Society, contact: Cardiff & Vale MS Society on 02920406 690.

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'WELSH PATIENTS ARE LEFT BEHIND'

PROFESSOR Davis' letter ('Prostate Cancer: why Welsh patients have to cross the border,' The GEM, June 13) just goes to prove the old adage that we should be very careful what we wish (vote) for.

In the referendum of 1997, just over a quarter of those eligible voted for an independent Assembly for Wales. Since then, the share of funding for health in this country has slowly but surely reduced when compared with England and, sadly, the future points to more of the same.

'Keep the Barry Woods special'

BARRY & Vale Friends of the Earth

invite the public to a free showing of 'Trashed' by Jeremy Irons, at their next meeting in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, on Tuesday, July 2 at 7-30pm.

Whilst campaigners are trying to get more open space into the eventual development of Barry's 'Green Lung' in Merthyr Dyfan, Barry & Vale FoE welcome the news that developers have withdrawn proposals on Highlight Park and the golf course.

We supported 'HOPE' in this campaign and the next opposition must surely be the insane proposal to build alongside Port Road and the Barry Woods, ancient woods which are preserved as special sites.

Rather than build houses on this beautiful entrance to the Vale, the council should re-open the Weycock site as an outdoor environmental centre, which it once was, for future generations.

Keith Stockdale
(Barry & Vale FoE Co-ordinator)

Churches say 'THANK YOU'

THE committee of Churches Together in Cowbridge and District thank all the kind people who contributed to the street collection in aid of Christian Aid in High Street, Cowbridge, on Friday May 17.

The total collection was £370.77. Many thanks also to the volunteers who stood on the street with collecting tins, and to those who counted the money.

(Mrs) VJ Charles
(Churches Together committee member)

Reunion appeal

LAST week, I wrote to you about the Barry Girls' County Grammar School centenary reunion I am organising in Barry Memorial Hall.

This week, I would like to ask if any of your readers have white sheets or tablecloths for use as table coverings, which they are willing either to donate, or lend for use at the reunion on September 10 – 12.

Donated ones will be passed on to a charity and any out on loan will be laundered and returned asap.

I ask this to help as a money-saving exercise to keep costs as low as possible. Favourable replies to 01446 734 970, or email centenaryreunion13@hotmail.co.uk.

Monika Jones
Barry

Our Government takes the easy option of blaming the UK Coalition in Westminster for its failures, rather than accepting responsibility for its decisions.

Our AMs seem more interested in maintaining the status quo, retaining their seats, their well paid jobs and generous expenses, rather than providing dynamic forward-thinking leadership.

To add insult to injury, our AMs seek tax-raising powers to get yet more control of our hard-earned cash, while denying hospitals millions of pounds of income from car parking fees and squander further millions on vote-catching measures to provide free prescriptions and free school breakfasts to all residents – irrespective of their ability to pay – schemes that encourage inefficiency, over-use and waste.

Ponder this: had a few more members of the silent (or was it apathetic?) majority chosen in 1997 to remain full members of the United Kingdom, all National Health patients in Wales would be entitled to surgery in hospitals using 21st Century technology.

Surgery that, according to Professor Davis, is only available to prostate cancer patients who can afford to pay for it.

Keith Douglas,
Porthmadog.

MORE PARKING SPACE NEEDED

WITH regard to your recent article headed 'Rhoose Has it All', I must write that Rhoose does not have it all.

Rhoose has been referred to by the media as a quiet, sleepy village – it is far from that – since the building of very large estates and plans on the table for even more housing, it is hardly a village, except that the facilities here are as stated – village facilities.

Rhoose has now become so busy the roads are almost gridlocked. Cars are parked with no concern for residents and are often parked across drives leaving no room to get in or out of your own premises.

Side roads are treated as car parks and roundabouts, as again there are no turning points at the west end of the 'village'.

The area is desperate for car parking facilities. Could not the council make a compulsory purchase on vacant land near the school and turn it into a car park – free for short term parking, chargeable for more than an hour – making life in this 'village' far more pleasant for all concerned?

(Name and address supplied).

Peppercorn rents could help the high streets...

I BLAME online shopping for the downturn in our high streets, though I am told that even 'silver surfers' are also using it!

No doubt it helps to have traffic wardens on hand to support shoppers – as long as actions are not heavy-handed.

I wonder if it would help if the local authorities only charged new businesses a 'peppercorn' rent or rate for a limited period, just so that these outlets could get themselves started –

maybe for two years? There is only a certain amount of money about for people to spend.

If the new Asda is to thrive on the Waterfront, I believe it is imperative that a new road is created.

Barry being a linear town (a string of little 'hamlets'), Park Crescent, High Street, Barry Dock, Cadoxton – it is possible that each one could set up an entirely separate commercial institution. Mrs D E Coombes Herridge, Barry.

'Barry Town put Welsh football on the map...'

THE recent decision by the FAW to deny Barry Town AFC united sanction to play in one of the lower tiers of the Welsh League is a disgrace.

It was probably on the cards, anyway, as the FAW have no sense of pride in what Barry Town has achieved in the past.

I remember the games against Aberdeen, Porto, Dynamo Kiev and all the other games that put not only Barry on the map, but also Wales and the FAW.

No other side has achieved anything close to what Barry Town has achieved.

I remember the old southern league days with players like Mel Donovan, Paul Preece, Alan Sullivan, Ian Love, Phil Green, Clive Ayres – the list goes on.

However, we cannot put all the blame on the FAW; most of the blame must go to the owner for pulling the rug from underneath the team for their last two games.

I am praying that this decision can be overturned, and although I am not a fan of Alun Cairns, he and the rest of the officials from the council, and Jane Hutt must be thanked along with supporters.

D J Radford,
Barry.

'Noddy' in the park

RECENTLY, I was in the audience at a concert given by the Barry Town Brass Band in Victoria Park, Cadoxton, Barry.

It was two hours of really pleasant music with competent soloists on the cornet and tenor horn, and the trio of trombones were very good too.

I am 83-years-old and have been a brass instrument player for 75 of those years. I have played in a number of full band line-ups and many smaller groups.

However, this was the

very first time that I have seen a full band without a conductor.

The lady euphonium player, who was also the excellent compere, got the band to start either with a nod of the head or a sign with the hand.

Some very serious rehearsal time must have been put in, because the sound volumes, pianissimo and the fortes, also the tempos, were very disciplined.

In small groups of up to a dozen players, the group leader is affectionately known as the 'Noddy'. Well done to the Noddy, and every wish for success!

Gerry Parsons

Airport grounded

WITH reference to the various readers' letters concerning Cardiff Airport – specifically the comments by Mrs Heveron, of Rhoose, in The GEM of June 20 – I would like to point out that Wales may have the airport, but it does NOT have the destinations – or the public transport services that Bristol has!

Until it does people will continue to use the Bristol – or Heathrow airports. It's as simple as that.

CE John,
Corntown

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 04)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
27 Thur	10.07	9.8	22.22	9.9
28 Fri	10.53	9.4	23.13	9.5
29 Sat	11.35	9.0		
30 Sun	00.04	9.1	12.27	8.5
01 Mon	00.59	8.5	13.28	8.1
02 Tues	01.59	8.0	14.35	7.9
03 Wed	03.08	7.8	15.45	7.8
04 Thur	04.15	7.9	16.47	8.1

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

Harbourside schemes now in Cardiff, Penarth, Porthcawl and Swansea... BUT NOT YOU-KNOW-WHERE!

FOR many years – some would say decades – there has been talk of a marina in the docks, but while schemes have gone ahead elsewhere, it seems Barry is still missing out.

In Porthcawl, population 17,000, a harbourside development is taking shape, and locals want to add an iconic building to complement the existing promenade and shops.

Cardiff, Penarth and Swansea have also had harbourside, marina or bay developments, acting as a strong magnet for tourists.

Strangely, Barry, population approximately 50,000, which has so many obvious advantages and is a famed tourist destination, has not been deemed worthy of a 'marina investment'.

A successful coastal project needs private investors, public funding, the support of the local council – but most of all the will of the politicians.

In many ways, Barry has fewer facilities now than it had 40 years ago – there are no cinemas, no pools on Barry Island, and there is no specific accommodation for tourists, something successive holiday camps provided.

Dreams of an aquarium for Nell's Point have been dashed. Even Barry Town football club appears to have been cast aside to the footballing equivalent of Siberia.

Meanwhile, just seven miles down the road in Cardiff there are multi-million pound stadiums, music venues, and leisure facilities – and yes, a Premiership football club.

Barry has had some regeneration funds in recent years, but there have been no iconic developments and the trade-off is often thousands of houses and a congested 'top road'.

Local campaigners believe a marina could transform the town in a number of ways.

Paul Haley of Pride in Barry insisted there were strong historical reasons why the town should have a marina, arguing that it would deliver long term economic advantages.

"With 20 years of Barry Regeneration having been completed to date, the Barry Waterfront now needs to be brought to life.

"A marina with slipway access and club facilities will create water-based recreational activity and educational opportunities, and reunite Barry with its maritime heritage.

"It will stimulate private sector investment

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

in cafés, restaurants, and shops as can be seen in Cardiff Bay, Bristol, and Gloucester.

"Marina-based jobs will be created to service boats.

"Businesses will be attracted to a great location near the water for their new offices – as Swansea has shown."

Mr Haley said that if a project went ahead it would benefit Barry for future generations of people.

"Children will have opportunities to learn new skills and learn about the past.

"New homes around the Waterfront will be enhanced by the community that will be created around a superb facility.

"The people of Barry will benefit from having its town reunited because Cadoxton, Castleland, Holton Road, Thompson Street, High Street, Broad Street, Baruc and Barry Island are all linked to the Waterfront."

Mr Haley pointed out that one of the most

RIGHT:
An artist's impression of a revamped Porthcawl harbour – work is already under way. The building to the left is a community complex that local people would like to see added to the harbourside development.

important by-products of a marina would be the image it would project of the town.

"Barrians could be proud of an enhanced upmarket image of a town with a marina at its centre, a great place to spend an afternoon watching the boats go by, and a location to host special events."

"There really is a super, long-standing desire to see a marina and we all need to work together to make it happen."

Dennis Harkus of FocusBARRY said the Porthcawl experience might be one Barry could learn from.

"Community interest groups stand a good chance of producing relevant projects and attracting the necessary funding.

"This approach would be a step in the right direction for Barry but the community must



Rotarians' honour for Angela

BARRY Rotary Club has recognised Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School teacher Angela Burd, who for many years has supported the Rotary Youth Speaks competition by encouraging students to enter the junior and senior competitions.

A bouquet presentation was made to Angela when she attended a Rotary dinner at the Mount Sorrel Hotel with her latest students.

In 2010 and 2011, she coached a team that achieved the runners-up position in the South Wales Youth



LEFT:
President John Shapland presents flowers to teacher Angela Burd.

Wales and Midlands/South Wales competitions, and were placed third in the national final held in Wrexham.

Earlier this year, the team were runners-up in the South Wales/Midlands competition.

Rotary president John Shapland said how much the club appreciated all she had done to promote the competition, and presented her with a bouquet on behalf of members.

Man with 'cocktail of drugs' avoids jail

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

POLICE found a "cocktail of drugs" when they searched the home of a St Athan man, Cardiff Crown Court has been told.

Officers also found £395 in cash, which was ordered by the court to be forfeited.

Clinton Goodwin (33) was caught when a drugs operation was carried out at Cardiff University Students Union.

Goodwin, of Scott Close, St Athan, was convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of possessing class A, B and C drugs, and being concerned in offering to supply drugs.

He was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment, suspended for two years, ordered to carry out 250 hours unpaid work, and to be subject to a two-month electronically tagged curfew, from 6pm to 9am, and to pay £150 costs.

The court heard that nine years ago, Goodwin received a three-year sentence for supplying

class A drugs.

Judge Rhys Rowlands said: "You didn't learn a great deal from that sentence. You were found in possession of a cocktail of drugs when you were detained at Cardiff University".

Prosecutor Matthew Cobb said he was spotted by staff at the Students Union in December and handed over to the police.

He was found to have a number of drugs but said he only dealt in ketamine to fund his own habit.

He said he had sold nine to ten grammes a week for 10 months and ketamine had affected his health.

His barrister Will Cordingley said: "He immediately laid his cards on the table."

"He had a drug dependency problem for some time, but no longer takes drugs, with the result that his health has improved. He has a positive outlook and for the last six months has made progress."

Summer fete

THERE will be a summer fete on Saturday, June 29 at Cartref Porthceri Residential Home, 91 Salisbury Road, Barry (2pm).

On sale will be books, jewellery, bric-a-brac, clothes, DVDs, soft toys and a cake stall – all proceeds from cakes will be donated to Breast Cancer charity. Proceeds from the fete go to fund outings for residents.

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How the community of Rhoose pulled together when people feared the worst...

RIGHT:
Emergency vehicles swiftly converged on Rhoose.

Photograph by
JENNY SOLMAN



THE village of Rhoose remains in shock, a week after an out-of-control car ploughed into nine adults and children outside the primary school.

The incident took place at around 8.50am on Thursday, June 20. Four of the nine casualties had "significant injuries". A nine-year-old girl was in a serious, but stable condition in the paediatric intensive care department at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

The local lollipop lady, Karin Williams, 50, has been hailed a "heroine" and "inspirational" for her selfless action in pushing children out of the way of the on-coming Audi, before being thrown into the air after it struck her.

She had to undergo surgery after breaking her legs, knee caps, elbow and ribs.

The police are not treating the incident as a deliberate act. It's understood that the driver, who was taking his grand daughter to school, may have had coughing fit, prior to the car jolting forward and hitting a road hump.

Vale AM Jane Hutt said Karin Williams' courage should be recognised.

"I will be backing the recommendation for special recognition of Karin Williams, the lollipop lady who showed exceptional and selfless courage.

"She has inspired everyone who has been touched by her actions on that day to protect the children in her care."

Educational psychologists been at the school since the collision, offering pupils and staff counselling.

The acting headteacher Jan Morgan said the situation had been extremely traumatic for everyone concerned in the incident.

"All members of staff showed exceptional strength of character as they dealt with the rapidly changing situation, both at the scene of the accident and inside the school.

"We are very proud of the way in which the whole school community pulled together under difficult circumstances."

HORROR

Local councillor, Jeff James, said people were horrified when they first heard

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN



ABOVE: Aftermath – the Audi is lifted onto a low loader.

about the incident.

"There was a real sense of horror felt by people when they first learned of the incident especially as it involved school children and the crossing attendant.

"Horror turned to relief as news emerged that the injuries were not considered life threatening – that it had been a terrible accident rather than a terrible tragedy."

Coun James praised the swift response of the emergency services, people connected to the school and the local community.

"I witnessed the caring professional actions of the school staff and in particular Jan Morgan, the acting head who, with her team, showed a calm resolve to ensure the children were firstly cared for, and then that the classes went ahead.

"The school hall became a makeshift base for the emergency services who had responded with such speed and professionalism.

"The response was amazing, with the air ambulance first on the scene, then police and ambulances, and also fire engines.

"Thank God it turned out to be injuries – as bad as they were – and not fatalities.

"There were many people who offered

help and support. At the school, I met Paula Hamm, of the Vale education department, along with Louise Lynn, the head, and Steve Williams, the chairman of governors.

"Rhoose Community Hall was made available and St Peters Church was opened to all and some church members provided tea and coffee to the emergency services, parents and public.

"Many talk of Rhoose being a close-knit community and it became evident that day through people's actions, through their care and concern, and the help offered in so many ways.

"I am sure there are those whose help, assistance and care have gone unrecognised but you can be assured it was appreciated by everyone and especially those involved with the accident.

"I wish all those injured, including Karin Williams, a speedy recovery and a safe return to a very special community and a very special school."

The incident made news across the globe.

Coun James added: "A relative of a friend was watching, transfixed, at his home in Singapore – which shows the reach of media interest."

FRIENDS JOIN IN CHURCH APPEAL

RECENTLY, the audience at All Saints Church, Barry, was treated to a special performance in aid of its organ appeal.

Amicia, meaning 'Friends' are a small group of singers from Cardiff and the Vale who sing for the fun of shared enjoyment.

The audience was entertained with international folk songs, a selection of comic pieces with 'Three Little Maids' from

Gilbert and Sullivan, and 'Ill Wind' by Flanders and Swann.

From the living composers' section, Amicia performed 'Afton Water' by Rutter, 'Sleep' by E Whittaker, and 'Ubi Caritas' by Paul Mealor, which was sung for the first time at Prince William's and Kate's wedding.

The programme concluded with a section of swing and blues, with arrangements of 'Autumn Leaves', 'Blue Moon', and 'Over the Rainbow'.

Director Mike Page said: "It has been a pleasure to perform for the organ appeal. We are delighted to support such a worthy cause that will benefit the community".

It is hoped that Amicia will pay a return visit to

All Saints in the autumn. The two-year organ appeal launched in May 2011 is now in the final stages.

Suzanne Grover, chair of the fundraising sub-committee, stated: "We are extremely grateful for all the continual help and support we have received in aid of our appeal and of such groups as Amicia. We have tried to bring a diverse fundraising programme which would appeal to everyone.

"We are nearly there in reaching the £70,000 target required for the organ repairs".

The total amount raised on the evening was £615.50, taking the appeal total to £68,253.

For further information go to www.barryall-saints.org.uk.

Cavatina concert

THE cabaret ensemble 'All That Malarkey' will be the special guests at Cavatina Singers' next concert entitled 'Strawberry Soiree' on Saturday afternoon, June 29 starting at 3pm.

The venue is All Saints' Church, Victoria Square, Penarth.

The programme of light music by Cavatina and entertainment by the ensemble will be followed by a strawberry and cream tea.

Tickets costing £8.50 (students £4) are available from members of the choir, or by calling 029 2051 2054, or at the door.

Please join us for what promises to be a most entertaining afternoon, you will be most welcome.

AM's praise for local churches' heritage festival

THE St Mary and St Cadoc Heritage Festival attracted a great deal of interest with exhibitions about the fascinating history of the two Barry churches.

The week's festivities included concerts, an art competition for local schools and a parish fete on Saturday, June 15.

Vale AM Jane Hutt joined the Vale and Barry

town mayors at the opening event on Sunday, June 9, and she officially opened the fete at St Cadoc's on Saturday, June 15.

Ms Hutt said at the opening of the fete: "I would like to congratulate Father Ben Andrews, Susan Borges and the teams from the parish who have made this such a great heritage festival, with so many taking part, including choirs, bands and young musicians."

Sully U3A continues group expansion

CHAIRMAN, Gill Mathias, welcomed around 80 members to Sully U3A's second AGM on June 13.

Gill said that there are now about 200 members with an average of about 60 members at the monthly meetings.

Sully U3A began with 16 interest groups and there are now over 20.

All U3As are self run and do not pay instructors/tutors to take groups as the idea is for members to pass on their own knowledge and expertise to others.

This can stem from knowledge gained at work or a hobby and qualifications are not needed.

The various groups had been active during the year and the main thing is that everyone who attends a group enjoys themselves by expanding their interests and knowledge and by meeting old friends and making new ones, which are part of the aims of the U3A.

Gill congratulated the writers' group who produced a leaflet of short stories and poems at Christmas, and Eileen Younghusband who

recently was the winner of the prestigious People's Book of the Year award for her book 'One Woman's War'.

Gill was unanimously re-elected as chairman as were Lynda Morris as secretary and Ginny Golding as treasurer.

Vice-President Jenny Robbins did not seek re-election to the committee due to other commitments.

Gill thanked her for her work over the last two years.

Ian Mathias decided to stand down as president.

Ian was the inspiration behind setting up Sully U3A and will remain a member.

Grateful thanks were offered to Ian for all his

hard work and support.

The committee will address the positions of president and vice chairman at its next meeting. Eight members were elected to the committee.

After the conclusion of business members enjoyed refreshments, a quiz and a short recital of poems by Betty Thorne.

Sully U3A meets at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month at The Old School, Sully.

The next meeting will be on July 11 when the speaker will be Richard Britton whose topic will be 'The Life of Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart (Lord Bute)'.

New members are welcome.

Susan Colman

Local company's donation to organ appeal



Lyndsay Ellis with Canon Adrian Berry.

ALL Saints Church has received a donation of £400 towards its organ restoration appeal from Lyndsay Ellis of The Vale Funeral Service.

Mr Ellis said: "I have attended All Saints Church in my capacity as a funeral director for many years and have always been impressed by the church organ. When it is revamped and refurbished, it will continue to be an amazing feature of this church."

Canon Adrian Berry, Rector of Barry, said: "All Saints' Barry is delighted to receive this donation from Vale Funeral Services towards our organ restoration project.

"Work is now well under way in the complete overhaul of this lovely organ. The church has now raised most of the money (target £70,000) and this generous contribution will help us reach our final target. Our thanks go to Lyndsay Ellis and all our generous benefactors."

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Helen Reilly, group co-ordinator, said: "A huge thank you to everyone who has helped us achieve this total, but it's not too late to sponsor us if you haven't already done so. Donations can be dropped into the school office or made online via www.racefor-lifesponsorme.org/gladstonegirlsbarry."

Free Nest advice on fuel poverty

OUTREACH workers from Nest were on hand at Barry Market on June 25, to provide advice to people struggling to heat their homes – as part of the Health Challenge Vale programme.

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applicants who own or privately rent their home, live in a property that is very energy inefficient and receive a means tested state benefit.

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Summer fayre

A SUMMER fayre will be held on Saturday, June 29 at 10am at Ysgol Sant Curig in the school grounds.

There will be a guest appearance by Gareth Delve of S4C Cyw children's channel.

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The school is also celebrating new equipment in the reception playground thanks to Dow Corning and the PTA.

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NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Engineers visit the Senedd



Barry Comprehensive School engineers at the Senedd.



Liam Kenny receiving his Asdan Certificate.

B A R R Y Comprehensive sixth form students and staff recently attended a lecture and exhibition by Cardiff School of Engineering at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay.

The latest in modern and emerging technologies were on display and there were informative presentations from the representatives.

The students found the exhibition to be very interesting and touched on some of the areas they have been studying this year as part of their BTEC Level 3 Engineering course.

Parliamo Italiano

RECENTLY, an Italian student from Cardiff University (Tatiana Bartalucci) came to our school to carry out a workshop with year-9 pupils.

The workshop consisted of multiple interactive activities covering various topics from sport to food. We also played games to help us revise the tenses.

Our Italian assistant (Bianca) also helped us with the words that we may not have learnt before, improving our vocabulary. We thoroughly enjoyed working alongside Tatiana, and we hope that she shall return here again.

Report by Michael Bonney (year-9)

Young people recognised for anti-bullying work

THE Welsh charity, BulliesOut, recently held an awards ceremony at Cardiff City Stadium.

BulliesOut runs programmes with students and young people to develop the skills to take a stand against bullying and offer support and guidance to those who have been affected by bullying.

The Asdan peer mentoring short course accredits up to 60 hours of peer-mentoring activity, trains mentors to listen, provide support, be non-judgemental and reflective and refer on any difficult concerns.

Sian Phillips, school co-ordinator at Barry Comprehensive, said the programme has had a positive effect on the school.

She said: "The anti-bullying policy now has a stronger student voice

since recruiting mentors, and the mentors have all grown in self confidence as well as being able to give back to the local community.

"Some of our mentors are now sixth formers who started their training with BulliesOut in year-7, so it's really nice to see how they've grown over the years and offer their commitment to the programme."

Liam Kenny, Kallum Kinnman and Ryan Woolaston received their Asdan certificate at the Cardiff event. Michael Bonney, Joshua Evans, Jordan Jones, Taylor Hinchly and Nathan Currie also completed the award.

School hosts LATCH dinner

THE catering department and year 10 students hosted a very special evening at Barry Comprehensive School on Thursday, May 23.

The evening was hosted to support LATCH, a charity that the school has supported for some time.

Year-10 students cooked a wide range of dishes, showcasing much of their work over the last year.

There was a range of delicious canapés, including miniature Glamorgan sausages with plum chutney, bacon on lava bread bites and succulent meatballs in a home-made sauce.

This was followed by a choice of bruschetta or leek and potato soup served with bread made by the students.



Ryan Woolaston receiving his Asdan Certificate

Both choices were absolutely delicious. Diners, including governors, teachers and parents, could then choose lasagne or Valencian paella; again, both were excellent and full of flavour, served very hot and in hearty portion sizes.

Those with any room to spare were offered rhubarb and apple crumble with homemade custard or tiramisu.

Mr Lyn Howell, a key patron of LATCH, made a short presentation on the history of LATCH, really emphasising the crucial work of this charity.

He was presented with a cheque for £150, the money raised by our students through this evening's hard work.

Mrs Lancaster and Mr Pereira had worked very hard in organising this excellent evening and the catering department's 'restaurant' was a real credit to their hard work and continued commitment.

The year-10 students were first rate in everything they did, from the quality of the food to the superb presentation and the friendly service.

Mr McNamara, the headteacher, commented: "There is nothing better than having a very tasty meal in the company of friends.

The quality of food, presentation and service was excellent. The school has supported LATCH for years and is determined to sustain its commitment to the charity." AC

Penarth Computer Club News

The march of new technology

DO you feel old when you consider today's technology? Struggling to keep up? Take heart – so are most of the rest of the population. It will get better. Really, read on.

Peter is a gent steeped in modern communications technology.

He has just made his fourth visit to Penarth Computer Club to share his views on what is happening now and what is on the way. Before starting his tour of developments in mobile communications, he set out his credentials as forecaster.

In 2002, he demonstrated the first camera-phone in the UK and said it would be the next big thing in mobile phones. He was so right!

In 2006 he talked about the expansion of Next-Generation Networks covering the entire UK by 2011.

Nothing. Things went a different way and concentrated on things like Skype, BTVision and Virgin Media.

In 2009 he made four predictions. Devices got more powerful (although the expected price drop didn't happen); applications (Apps) would proliferate enormously (except for the e-wallet that is still a keen ambition for developers).

He also said that people would use their phone primarily for texting, and the fourth prediction was that computing would be changed dramatically by touch-screens, netbooks, and laptops as the variety of hand-held devices confirms, whether they are called something-pads or

something-books.

Peter had forecast a 'tsunami of change' and scored four out of four. He admits that in 2009 he was beginning to feel old, and now, in 2013, is feeling older still.

After over 20 years in the mobile communications industry, even by his standards, things are getting complicated.

The influence of the iPhone and Samsung Galaxy will be enormous as will that of tablet computers in a variety of sizes.

Other major shifts are on the way coming from computer chip development; electronic identification tags that can be attached to just about anything and track its global location; the digital capacity to store vast amounts in your pocket on your mobile device and the ability to be always connected.

Peter is brave enough

to venture some forecasts even though he admits a pinch of salt should be taken along with them.

He considers the key technologies and how they might develop and their possible effect on the gadget in your pocket. He considers the impetus of both competition and demand.

For us, he reviewed the major fields that concern mobile technology: display, memory, processor, battery, connections and keyboard.

To these he added operating systems, applications and components and then he wowed us with his latest predictions.

The convergence of these fields will mean that what we use in future might not even resemble our current devices, but look and operate differently.

HOWARD

DESMOND

FUN DAY AT VICTORIA PARK

MOUNT Pleasant Baptist Church is holding its fifth annual family fun day in Victoria Park, Cadoxton, Barry, on Saturday, July 6, 12 noon – 4pm.

There will be bouncy castles, all age races with medals for winners, face painting, art and craft, live music from Sound of Wales, puppet theatre, stalls and refreshments, all completely free. AC



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Barry U3A reports on 'successful year'

THE chairman reported on a successful year, with an increase in members, so that our monthly meetings are now held in a larger venue of the New Jerusalem Chapel Hall in Barry.

A new committee was elected and leaders from poetry and prose, literature, genealogy, computer use, art history, luncheon club and walking reported on their various activities.

A trip to Chatsworth and the Derbyshire

Dales was organised for members in the autumn and the walking group had three days of walking in the Shropshire Hills in April.

Members also expressed interest in starting new groups on gardening, crafts, and local history - is there a Welsh speaker who would like to lead a social Welsh conversation group?

Following on was a lighthearted 'Bring and Tell', when members spoke about items that held precious memories such as an Australian gold ring with a kangaroo motif, a bell from a

farmhouse with connections to Henry IV, a toy koala bear, a horseshoe made by a master blacksmith in Nazi Germany and the rope lashing down Sir Winston Churchill's coffin at his State Funeral.

The speaker in July is Peter Sims with a talk on Flatholm. We meet on Monday, July 1, at 2pm at the New Jerusalem Hall (opposite Barry Library). All are welcome.

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'Parking fines are a money spinner and damage trade'

– CLAIM LOCAL BUSINESSMEN

TWO businessmen have challenged councillors to visit Holton Road to witness the impact of traffic wardens on local trade.

Ferda Ulug, who owns the coffee shop and eatery La Cucina, and Peter Foster of Foster Footwear, said the clampdown on parking was nothing more than a 'moneyspinner', adding that the commercial well-being of local shops came a poor second.

A month ago Ferda Ulug aired his frustrations in The GEM, arguing that wardens were too ruthless, the bays should be available to the public from 10am rather than 12 noon, and that too many tickets without warnings would drive some customers away.

At the time, the Vale Council explained that increasing the time for general parking would reduce the time for businesses organising deliveries.

It insisted that wardens operate on "basis of discretion" and that "traffic wardens have received praise from

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

many shop owners".

However, that is not how Ferda and Peter, who pay between £8,000 and £9,000 in business rates, see it.

Ferda insisted that bays are often empty late in the morning because deliveries have been completed (see picture).

"What is the problem with having loading until 10am and then letting the people park?"

"Since I first spoke to The GEM I've had amazing feedback from people saying the empty bays don't make sense.

"The parking restriction kills business until noon.

"In a recent *Panorama* on BBC, the actor Tom Conti was talking about how parking charges were a money making machine in London."

Conti is supporting a new 'parking manifesto' calling for simpler signs and compensation for drivers when tickets are given out unfairly.

Peter Foster said: "You can't talk to the wardens. There are no warnings like 'Don't park there otherwise

you'll get a ticket'.

"It's a case of 'rules are rules'. There's no give and take."

He said that when he's delivering to his business, he has to keep nipping outside, even when he might be serving, to make sure he hasn't had a ticket.

They said they hope councillors will visit the area to assess the impact of wardens, or carry out a consultation with businesses and residents.

'RISK'

Andrew Loosemore, operational manager for highways and engineering, said the provision of loading or unloading times for businesses had been in place for many years – since the Holton Road improvement scheme was implemented and would have been enforced by the previous traffic warden service provided by the police.

"Consultations with businesses were undertaken at the time of this scheme over the provision of loading bays and the decision was made that a restriction only up to 12 noon gave all busi-



ABOVE:
Ferda Ulug took this photograph of a bay in Holton Road late one morning, illustrating, he says, why they should be open to the public from 10am onwards.

nesses sufficient opportunity to load and unload.

"This allowed the remainder of the day to be available for parking for customers. The introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement from April 1 has not changed this position.

"The enforcement officers do operate with certain discretion. However, anyone choosing to park in contravention of the clearly signed restrictions brings with it the risk of a ticket."

He insisted: "It is impossible to reach a consensus with all busi-

nesses, hence the current restrictions. This provides all businesses with a degree of flexibility, so it can only be expected that parking bays will be clear at times.

Mr Loosemore added: "It is important to review the continued effectiveness of traffic orders from time to time, and this could be done in Holton Road should there be a change in circumstances, for example, a dramatic increase or decrease in loading or unloading requirements for businesses in the area."

'Don't cut charity shops rate relief'

A REGIONAL AM has visited a charity shop in Cowbridge and said that he does not want to see rate relief cut for such businesses, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

Andrew RT Davies AM visited the Dogs Trust shop in Cowbridge, where he discussed the charity's work and Welsh Government proposals to change the mandatory business rate relief from 80 per cent to 50.

Mr Davies was met by shop manager, Jael Jones.

He said: "It was great to find out so much about the work that the Dogs Trust does in rehoming dogs and providing a range of other vital services.

"It was also good to

hear that the branch is doing so well, in no small part due to the generosity of local residents who kindly donate so many items!"

Mr Davies also discussed the Welsh Government's proposals to reduce the mandatory business rate relief for charity shops from 80 per cent to 50 per cent.

These proposals are currently under consultation, with a decision due from the Minister for Economy in the near future.

Mr Davies said: "We certainly do not think that rate relief should be cut for charity shops. There are a wide range of varying reasons for the decline of our high streets, none of which fall at the door of charity

shops.

"In many cases charity shops provide valuable footfall on high streets otherwise littered with empty premises, and I am clear that they should not be blamed for the decline of high street shopping.

"Other factors, such as the prevalence of internet shopping, out of town shopping centres and parking costs have contributed to that decline.

"There is, however, a discussion to be had about the type of goods which charity shops should be able to sell and it is important that the Welsh Government looks at that. The issue of 'wholly or mainly donated goods' needs to be addressed, as there is much misunderstanding on this important subject.

"In reality this issue is about communication and charities and small private businesses must work with Government to support all aspects of our high streets.

"We believe that a government consultation should be set up to examine the issue of new goods in order to improve understanding on this issue.

"We need to ensure that there is a level playing field, whilst maintaining a healthy third sector presence on our high streets."

JUDGE'S ANGER

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

He told them he panicked because he didn't have a licence or insurance. The court heard that Sirrak had a conviction for escaping from custody, and for causing damage.

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, said: "He is immature, and has attention deficit problems. On the day of his arrest, there was concern about his mental condition."

He said that regarding the dangerous driving, no damage or injury was caused, and he was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

He added: "For years, he was involved with a criminally proactive group, but no longer."

The judge pointed out that a sentence for obstructing the police unfortunately did not reflect the full culpability of what he did.

Sirrak was also banned from driving for two years and ordered to take the extended driving test.

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Five years jail for married man who 'groomed' a 15-year-old girl

A teenager who was sexually groomed by a man old enough to be her father, was taken by him to a four-star hotel in the centre of Cardiff, where the pair twice had sex.

At Cardiff Crown Court, 40-year-old Robert Lankshear, married with two children, who lived in Ascot, was jailed for five years.

He admitted 25 charges involving meeting a child following sexual grooming, sexual

activity with a child, making indecent photographs of children, and possessing extreme pornographic images.

He was also ordered to register as a sex offender for life, and was banned from working with children.

Judge Rhys Rowlands said no-one would know the effect of what occurred on the child, she was likely to have difficulties coming to terms with losing her virginity in such a "grubby way".

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said the 15-year-old girl began having

contact with the defendant through a Blackberry message system when she was 14.

They would talk about his work in London and other matters. He told her he was 29, and they began to have conversations of a sexual nature, and that he could not wait to meet her.

She told him she was 15.

"It culminated in the meeting in Cardiff in April. She caught a train from Bridgend and they met at Cardiff Central Station.

"They then walked to

the Mercure Hotel in Newport Road, where he had reserved a room."

In the room, said Mr Trigg, they watched TV and then went to a sauna and to a jacuzzi, where he became familiar with her, which caused her to become nervous.

Mr Trigg said that in the room, he later said: "Do you want to?" and she said she did.

They then had full sex twice. She later said she knew it was not right and felt nervous.

She later caught the train back to Bridgend and Lankshear returned home.

She realised, said Mr Trigg, that she had been used, confided about the matter to friends, and it was later reported to the police.

They contacted the defendant, and when they searched his home, they found pornographic images of children.

She said she told the defendant that sex with her would not be legal, and he replied: "Age is only a number."

She formally identified him and he admitted sexual activity had taken place, but he thought she was 16.

He indicated that he suffered from sexual addiction and had been treated by a therapist. He also said he possessed "an animal curiosity".

His counsel, Dickon Reid, said: "He has a problem, an addiction which he acknowledges.

He accepts he has to do something about it.

"He suffers from Asperger's syndrome, with impulsive behaviour and autism. The worst feature of the case is the age difference. He knew she was a minor, and there was no force or violence."

The judge said: "This is a very, very, serious case."

He said he had groomed the girl and

was old enough to be her father.

He said he had spent money on clothes for her, and had taken advantage of the child.

Altogether, added the judge, 517 moving and static indecent images had been found.

Said the judge: "You were living a lie. Outwardly a successful man, but you had an immoral, depraved lifestyle."

Suspended sentence for mother who beat daughter with a leather belt

AN 11-year-old girl had to receive treatment - after her mother gave her a beating with a leather belt.

The child was struck on the buttocks and thighs six times, said prosecutor Matthew Cobb.

At Cardiff Crown Court, the mother, aged 34, from Bridgend, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, received an eight-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, after pleading guilty to a charge of causing actual bodily harm.

She was also made subject to a 12-month supervision order, to pay £150 costs and be subject to a two-month electronically tagged curfew from 9pm-6am.

Judge Rhys Rowlands said: "Though the offence was out of character, it involved a total loss of control. For no good reason, you decided to teach your daughter a lesson."

"There was a degree of premeditation, and when she didn't say what you wanted her to say, you struck her six times."

Such behaviour, said

the judge, was unacceptable and had to be punished.

Mr Cobb said that the woman became angry at the child and struck her with the belt on the buttocks and thighs, leaving a large area of bruising and red stripes, causing the child to be in pain the next day.

The woman was arrested and admitted striking the girl because she had told lies about a t-shirt.

She said she intended to hit her lightly, but "lost it", and didn't know how many times she struck her.

She added that the girl had screamed throughout the punishment.

A social worker, Karen Spencer, said that since the incident, the girl had been in foster care.

"It is clear this defendant had a warm and loving relationship with the child."

She said she was motivated to change and was sorry for what she had done.

Prison, she added, would "scupper" any progress and the girl wanted to go home.

Her barrister, Nicola Harris, said: "She was heartbroken by what she did, and bitterly regretted it. The injuries, though significant, were not serious and the bond remains strong."

Airline fined for carrying Mexican cat

AN airline has been fined £1,800 for carrying a Mexican cat, following an investigation by the Vale Council's trading standards team.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines was prosecuted at Cardiff Magistrates Court on Thursday, June 13 for offences under the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and other Mammals) Order 1974 and the Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order 2011.

The Vale Council's prosecutor Richard Price stated KLM were found guilty of carrying a cat originating from Mexico on a non-approved aircraft carrier and landing the cat at Cardiff Airport, which is not permitted to receive pet animals.

The cat was found to be travelling on an invalid pet passport and there were discrepancies over its rabies vaccination and identification.

KLM was fined £1,800 and ordered to pay costs of £3,000 and a victim surcharge of £120.

Principal trading standards officer, Christina Roberts-Kinsey, said: "This is another fine

example of the good work undertaken by our animal health officers in the Vale of Glamorgan."

Happily, the cat (called Misha) has since been successfully reunited with her owners.

ValePlus ceremony

COUN Keith Geary, the newly-elected mayor of Llantwit Major, recently presented ValePlus members who attend the ValePlus Outreach service in Llantwit, with their certificates of achievement.

ValePlus provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability and operates from the Guide Hall in the Lanes on a Thursday and Friday.

Anyone wishing to find out more about ValePlus can contact Angharad on 01446 792846.

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STRAWBERRY TEA RAISES £800!

HOLY Trinity Church Hall, Barry, was the venue last Saturday, June 15, for a fundraising strawberry tea for a breast cancer charity.

Rosina Butler has organised an annual event for the last few years and this year's event was a traditional strawberry tea with a lavish spread of sandwiches, home made scones, fruit cake, Victoria sponge and, of course, a big bowl of strawberries and cream.

With people also buying hand-

made quality goods as diverse as fruit and savoury pies, luxury cupcakes, hand-made jewellery, cards and paper crafts, there was also a host of raffle prizes on offer. In all, £800 was raised on the day.

The next event is a Pink Dinner Dance at the Mount Sorrel Hotel on Saturday, August 10, including a three-course dinner and entertainment from a Michael Buble tribute act.

Tickets are £30 and can be purchased from Rosina on 01446 745269 or Pam 01446 413886.

Breakthrough Breast Cancer is

a UK charity but has a local committee and campaign and advocacy network in Wales, and is lobbying to reduce the time taken between referral and being seen by a specialist, as well as funding research.

There is also a local support group who meet monthly at the library and anyone affected by breast cancer is welcome to attend.

For more information on Breakthrough Breast cancer, or the local Breastfriends group, contact Rosina on 01446 745269 or go to breakthrough.org.uk

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Conservative leader raps cuts to rural bus service grants

A written Assembly Question (WAQ) by South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, has revealed the extent of Welsh Government cuts to grants supporting bus routes in the Vale.

The Conservative Leader, said it was "little wonder" that services in the Vale were under such threat following cuts of more than 12 per cent to the Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG).

Mr Davies, who lives in the Vale, maintained: "We now have clear evi-

dence of the impact of Welsh Government cuts to bus operators' grants, with funding having been cut back to pre-2007 levels. It is little wonder that services in the Vale and right across my region are under threat.

"To put these figures into context, petrol prices have risen over the same period from 97 pence a litre to around £1.34 today. This puts a huge strain on commercial operators."

The data came from a question to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport. It shows that funding by the Welsh Government has fallen in the last two financial years by more than 12 per cent (12.3); from

£463,000 in 2010/11, to just £406,000 this year.

Mr Davies added: "It is somewhat ironic to see the Welsh Government working away here in the Assembly at its sustainable travel bill.

"Surely early research should have flagged up the devastating impact that these cuts are having to transport links in rural and isolated areas, driving residents back into their cars and away from sustainable modes of transport."

Concerned residents across the Vale have been in touch with Mr Davies and his Conservative colleagues at the Vale Council, with residents in rural wards such as Peterston-super-Ely

being among the worst affected.

Local councillor Rhodri Traherne said: "People will be exceptionally angry at these cuts, which impact on the most vulnerable in our rural communities.

"It is those without cars who need to get to work, the elderly who need to see a GP and our young people who can no longer see their friends; these are the people who are going to suffer.

"The Welsh Government should be ashamed that it can spend £52 million buying an airport and yet it is unable to support decent rural bus services at a fraction of the price. Their priorities really are at odds with the needs of local Vale residents."

However, a Welsh Government spokesperson pointed out: "The UK Government has imposed a reduction in the funding for Welsh Government of £1.7bn over the next few years, and this has made it very difficult to maintain the current level of support for local bus and community transport services."

with regular visits from the team at Holme Towers in Penarth. She later stayed at the hospice, where she passed away.

"I want to raise as much as possible; I have organised cake sales, raffles and sweets sales. I'm hoping to convince my husband to wax his legs for charity, but he isn't keen!

"You can donate online, or if you are in Llandough, why not take a trip to the X-ray department and fill in a sponsor form, or visit www.justgiving.com/Amy-Voisey."

Amy's charity bike ride

RADIOGRAPHER Amy Voisey based at the University Hospital Llandough, is taking on an epic sponsored bike ride in memory of her mum, who passed away from cancer six years ago.

She is cycling around 440km from Vietnam to Cambodia next January, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care and hopes to raise at least £3,000 for the charity.

Amy said: "Thanks to the support of Marie Curie nurses, Mum was able to stay at home as long as she could,

Paying Vale's tribute to heroism and dedication

IT is with regret that I have to begin this column by referring to the road traffic incident at Rhws School, when both adults and children were injured as a result of what appears to be an unfortunate and unique accident, despite all the safety processes that were in place.

I would like to express my concern for those adults and children involved in the incident and wish them well in their recovery. I would also like to pay particular tribute to our school crossing patrol officer, Karin Williams, who has been highlighted for her actions on the day.

However, I would also like to thank everyone at the school – parents, children and the staff throughout the council and the emergency services for their dedication and their work on the day and since. I hope that we can, in time, return to normal and that there are not any long term effects on those concerned or the community.

As a council, we will continue to do all that is necessary to help at this unsettling time.

PLAY AREA

Since my last column, I have had the greatest pleasure in officially opening the new upgraded children's play area in Peterston-super-Ely.

I have to take my hat off to the community councillors and the local community for working together to plan and fundraise to create a wonderful play area for local children. This is an exemplar of community councils working proactively and using



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by Coun
NEIL MOORE
Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council

funding streams from various sources to improve the area they represent.

While there, we took the opportunity of having another community cabinet meeting in the church and community hall in Peterston-super-Ely, where we once again threw open the meeting for members of the public to ask questions of the cabinet and I would like to thank all those who took the time to turn up.

On a similar note, the cabinet will be having another open community cabinet meeting from 7.15pm on Monday, July 8 in the Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Institute, Llandough, when we hope that we can have another good turn-out, to quiz the cabinet members on local and Vale issues that may be of interest or concern to them.

SPENDING CUTS

In this column, I have previously referred to the Vale Council's efforts to use its budgets to the best effect during these austere times.

Yesterday (Wednesday June 26) George Osborne, the Chancellor, was issuing his statement on the Spending Round, which is clearly going to have a marked effect on the funding available to the Welsh Government and, in turn, the public sector.

This will not be good news for councils in Wales and we are expecting more cuts, which are likely to be around an extra £81 million throughout Wales, which is on top of the savings that we already have to make.

This could have a marked effect on our budget to the tune of several million pounds. We await with bated breath, the statement and the actual figures.

CCTV PLANS

I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify reports that have appeared in the press recently regarding the CCTV service.

It is important to understand this is only a possible proposal to change the location where the CCTV service is monitored from. Should there be a decision to relocate the service, this would only be made if there was no reduction in the current level and standard of service and the local knowledge base is maintained.

This proposal is being considered because of the budgetary constraints I have mentioned previously and working in partnership with Bridgend Council is one way of achieving some of those savings.

Any decision will be taken after full consultation with the staff, the Community Safety Partnership and also considered by our Scrutiny Committees.

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PUPILS LEARN ABOUT NATURE AT ABERTHAW



Environment compliance engineer Amy Sherbourne on a bug hunt with year-5 Rhws Primary pupils.

ABERTHAW Power Station held two events to mark **Wales Biodiversity Week**, with year-5 pupils from Rhws Primary School, who were invited to the site's education centre to learn about the biodiversity of the area.

The youngsters then split into groups to rotate through activities of moth handling, bug hunting, bird watching and learning about biomechanics.

After lunch, the group walked to the East Aberthaw Nature Reserve that is adjacent to and owned by the

power station. The area is managed in partnership with the Wildlife Trust and Nigel Ajax-Lewis from the trust was on hand to point out some of the interesting flora and fauna on the ramble.

Nigel also led a public walk that was the second event of the week. Local residents braved the chilly summer evening for a gentle walk to learn more about the species found in the reserve.

This is the second walk that has been organised by the power station to share the treasures of the reserve. A third is planned for the autumn.

Fascinating walk beside the Lougher

RECENTLY, Terry led a group of 12 Penarth & District Ramblers on a linear walk along the Millennium Coastal Path beside the Lougher Estuary, also known as the Burry Estuary which was featured in the Weatherman Walking series.

Passing the National Wetlands Centre, a man-made reserve managed by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, they moved on beside the golf course to reach Machynys or Monk's Island, which originally was separated on either side by the river.

During the 19th century, it contained only a farm until a mansion house was built there later which allegedly was haunted perhaps by spirits from a monastery allegedly built there by St Piro in 513.

It is hard to contemplate that this peaceful area was once heavily industrialised, with steel, copper, brick and tin-plate works as well as a large dock and Machynys and Bwlch y Gwynn villages sprang up to house the working population.

Now a modern development is springing up where the lost village of Bwlch y Gwynn once stood which overlooks a quiet sandy lagoon.

At Burry Port Harbour, the group learned that over £8 million has been spent con-

verting the old tidal harbour into a modern marina, and that in 1928 Amelia Earhart landed there after becoming the first woman to cross the Atlantic in company with two friends (she later flew solo over both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans).

This fact is inscribed on a paved area and on the original wooden buoy her aircraft named Friendship was moored to.

Trekking on to Pembrey Old Harbour the group stopped for refreshment overlooking the eastern end of Cefn Sidan sands and Pembrey Burrows before moving inland through a golf course to catch two buses that would return them to their start.

On June 29, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile hard walk at Mynydd Machen; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On June 30, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for a 7-mile moderate walk at Sharpness taking in the old ships' graveyard; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

On July 4, the evening walk will leave Wenvoe War Memorial at 7pm for a 3.5-mile trip taking in St Lythans Long Cairn; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102. **JOY STRANGWARD**

Woman motorcyclist dies in collision on road near airport

A 46-YEAR-OLD woman motorcyclist died last week in a collision with a car near Cardiff Airport.

The crash happened shortly before 11pm on Wednesday, June 19. South Wales Police named the woman as Julie Tipper from Nantgarw. The collision occurred on the A4226 Rhosee by-pass between the roundabout junctions of the British Airways Maintenance Centre and the monument roundabout at Cardiff Airport.

Julie's father has paid the following tribute to his daughter: "Julie was a most vivacious lady, bright and bubbly with a big soft heart."

"Above all else she cared about people."

She loved dearly all creatures, a fact that was reflected in her personality.

"Julie had a profound love and respect of nature, hence her occupation as a park ranger for Cardiff City Council. She was kindness itself to a fault, it could be said of her."

"If someone needed something she had, it was theirs for the asking. She was very open, and maybe somewhat glib, such was her faith and trust in human nature."

"She was a very popular girl, and had many friends. She enjoyed life, and lived it to the full."

Police are asking for anyone who may have witnessed the collision between the red and black Yamaha motorcycle and a green



ABOVE: Julie Tipper.

Vauxhall Corsa, or who may have seen the motorcycle beforehand as it travelled from East Aberthaw to the collision scene near Cardiff Wales Airport on Wednesday evening, June 19, at around 10.50pm to contact the Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

TV stars help celebrate local project's birthday

STARS from ITV's hit show *Off Their Rockers*, concluded a day of music, dance and performance on the Glanfa

Stage of the Wales Millennium Centre to celebrate the first year of the 'Everyone's Future' project.

The Big Lottery-funded, joint project between Vibe Experience and Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale tackles negative stereotyping and challenge age discrimination among younger and older people.

The event featured performances from Barry-based dance company Motion Control, young singers and bands from Area 41 youth centre's studio 41 band night, and rousing recitals from both Laura Bradshaw's Community Choir and Autumn Sounds Older Persons Choir.

It ended with a live Q&A with Off Their Rockers' Seb Craig and Rosemary Macvie.

For more information about Everyone's Future, contact 01446 700622, or email louise@vibexperience.com.

On the buses for a trip to the Bay!

ON June 12, several members of Cadoxton (Barry) WI had a trip to Cardiff Bay, using their bus passes from Barry into Cardiff and then onto the Bay.

The weather was not very good but the atmosphere among the group made up for the rain. After a long sandwich lunch on the Lightship they took a tour of the shopping arcade.

The following Monday was the monthly meeting at the

Victoria Park Community Centre, when the guest speaker was Paul Haley, who gave an informative and passionate talk about the Waterfront, which renewed interest in this development.

The winners of the members' raffle were Blanche and Marion and the winner of the Chinese raffle was Linda.

The meeting is held on the third Monday of the month and guests are always welcome. Contact 01446 404891. **CW**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rummage sale

A **RUMMAGE** sale will be held in the All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, this Saturday, June 29, at 10am-11.30am. Entry 50p to include tea/coffee. All money for charities.

Macmillan coffee

A **MACMILLAN** coffee morning will be held at the Gladstone Primary School canteen, Barry, on Friday, July 5 from 9.15-11am. Coffee, cake and raffle. All welcome!



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At 102, Alf has a birthday message for GEM readers... 'Never give up hope!'

Long-standing GEM contributor Alfred ('Alf') Mills of Barry, celebrated his 102nd birthday on Wednesday. Here the respected local historian gives his reflections on a long life...

'You won't go before your time'

AS I approach my 102nd birthday (June 26) I have often been told those words and, of course, they are true.

During my lifetime, I suffered two major accidents that could have ended my life, one in 1944 at work and another as a result of a road accident locally in June 1970.

I had a fall at work in 1944 and suffered injuries to my lower spine and wore a plaster jacket for some eight months.

A more serious one occurred in High Street at the junction with Trinity Street in Barry and a car smashed broadside into my car as I was passing. This was very serious, giving me head,

neck and shoulder injuries and Cardiff Royal Infirmary treated me.

When I was discharged, my neck and head were in plaster and I suffered with that for months – and when the cast was removed, I had grown a beard.

From then on, I wore various collars. This kept me off work from June 1970 until August 1971 but the after-effects still worry me to this day.

I have always had faith and am sure that it is a help when disaster occurs.

I thank all those good people who ask after me and to those who ask "What is the secret of long life?" my answer is – *Never give up hope!*

ALFRED MILLS

Adder warning at Rhoose Point

DOG walkers and ramblers are being warned to watch out for adders at Rhoose Point.

The venomous snakes can be found in the area during the summer months.

The Vale Council's operational manager for parks and ground maintenance, Phil Beaman, said: "Walkers are strongly advised to stick to the paths and keep dogs on leads."

"An adder may sometimes bite in self-defence if disturbed or provoked."

Adders are protected as listed on Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This includes protection for the animals from injury and death and protection from being taken from the wild.

The act also provides protection for the places they use for shelter and protection, as well as disturbance to an animal occupying such a place.

For more information, contact the council's parks and grounds maintenance division on 01446 700 111.

PACT meetings

Barry

BUTTRILLS PACT, Thursday, June 27 at the Philip John Community Room, Barry Library, Tynewydd Road at 6.30pm.

BARUC PACT, Monday, July 8 at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, at 7pm.

Penarth and Vale

PACT coffee and chat meeting on Tuesday, July 2 at Ystradowen Community Hall at 11am.

COWBRIDGE PACT, Monday, July 8 at The Fire Station, Cowbridge, at 7pm.

SULLY PACT, Thursday, July 11 at Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully at 8.15pm.



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Barry Scouts & Guides 2013 ANNUAL FETE

Saturday 6th July 2013, Romilly Park Barry - Gates Open 12pm



Barry Scouts and Guides say: 'Please support our annual Romilly fete!'

BARRY Scouts and Guides are urging members of the public and local businesses to support this year's annual fete on the July 6 - after last year's last-minute cancellation devastated their finances.

A spokesman explained: "When poor weather conditions left Romilly Park waterlogged and unsuitable for the event to go ahead, the organisation

was left short of thousands of pounds, having paid for pre-booked entertainment and many other requirements for staging the event - such as security barriers and toilet facilities.

"It costs almost £10,000 to stage the fete for Scouts and Girl Guides, and if the weather were to fail us, almost 10 per cent of the costs of running our vital training programmes throughout the year

could be lost."

The 1st Barry Sea Scouts group chair, Cathie Steele, one of the fete organisers, said: "Despite the awful weather last year, the Scouts and Guides in the district are determined to hold another annual fete.

"This year will be the 60th anniversary of holding the annual fetes to raise vital funds for the groups.

"Unfortunately, due to the need to pay last year's bills, and not receiving any income on the day, we had to use the float which we normally keep back each year to help fund the next.

"We also had to take out a loan from the district to cover the shortfall in our accounts. Therefore, this year, more than ever, we need support via sponsors, patrons on the day."

Brian Foley of 11th Barry Sea Scout group

added: "It was horrendous. There was one group that had hundreds of pounds of burgers which left a large outlay before attending the fete.

"For 58 years we had no problems but if we have had weather again this year, it would wipe us out and that's what we want to avoid.

"If the weather is fine and we can attract our usual attendance of some 7,000 people, then any funds raised go direct to the individual groups."

This year's fete will be supported by 1st Rogerstone Scout Band, Wales' only remaining Scout band.

There will also be arena performances from the South Wales Police Dogs and the usual Scout & Guide competitions.

Entrance will be via a lucky draw programme costing £2 which can be purchased from all Scout and Guide groups or on



the day at the gates. Children under five years old go free.

There's some great prizes to be won in the lucky draw this year, and organisers would like to thank the local businesses for their support in supplying the prizes: 1st Prize - £250; 2nd Prize - £50; 3rd Prize - Family entry to Technique; 4th Prize - Rucksack provided by Cotswold Outdoors; 5th Prize -

Climbing Taster for two at Boulders; 6th Prize - two hour relaxation session and CD from Cardiff Hypnotherapy Solutions; 7th Prize - £20 voucher for The Old Post Office Cafe; 8th Prize - Child's Entry for to Coconuts Play & Party Centre for two; 9th Prize - Family Boat trip with 'The Open Boat' Organisers are appealing to people to spend generously on the day

and would like to thank the public for its ongoing support.

For further details on the fete, see on our website www.barryscouts.org follow us on twitter @BarryFete or find us on Facebook.

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LOCAL HERO GRAHAM HAS HOME TOWN STOP-OVER ON MARATHON UK CYCLE RIDE

ON Sunday, a real 'local hero' rode into the Vale, over halfway through a punishing GB-wide bike ride.

Five weeks ago, Graham Brain, a 62-year-old Llanccarfan man, set off on an 'Extreme Tour of Great Britain', a 1,500 mile assault on the most dramatic topographical points of our island, including the highest, lowest, northernmost, east, west and southernmost.

Last Sunday (June 23) 60 friends and supporters gathered at the Fox & Hounds, Llanccarfan, to give Graham a tumultuous reception as he rode back into his home village, part way through his tour, having covered over 1,100 miles of his odyssey.

On Sunday evening, neighbours held a fundraising barbecue to support Graham's charity Brake, the road safety organisation.

The evening raised £342 towards his target of £5,000.

Since his journey began, Graham has covered 50 challenging miles a day, with hill rides and in driving rain, taking in a 10-and-a-half-hour trek up Ben Nevis in snow, wind and mist; and he's tackled eight of his extreme geographical points, bang on schedule.

His journey has taken huge reserves of grit and



ABOVE: Graham is congratulated by Marjorie Fell, at 97 the oldest resident of Llanccarfan.

determination, but he has been driven by a personal passion for issues of road safety.

Graham said: "I've worked in traffic enforcement for nearly a quarter of a century and now I want to give something back. Every day, five people die on the roads of Britain."

"One third of child deaths are due to traffic accidents. So I am riding for all those, especially the little ones, whose lives have been ended, or irrevocably changed, by road accidents."

In addition to friends and neighbours, Graham was greeted by his wife Kay and (it being Father's Day) his daughter Lucy, who rode the last leg of the home stretch with him.

Then it was a welcome night in his own



ABOVE: Graham's wife, Kay.

bed before setting off – downhill all the way! – for Land's End.

"This will undoubtedly be the best bit," he said. "When I reach the end point, our three little grandchildren will be there, on their bikes, to wobble across the finishing line with me."

"Over the last few weeks, there have been times when my legs have felt like lumps of lead hanging from my hips, dispensing excruciating pain when I put



ABOVE: Telling Llanccarfan residents about the ride so far...



ABOVE: Graham checks daughter Lucy's bike.

them to the floor. "But every hill will have been worth it when they join me..."

To make a donation, go to: www.gbextreme-tour.co.uk

STOP PRESS
Earlier this week, Graham made it to Land's End, and he was joined by his family to cycle the last 300 metres. (See next week's GEM for more details)

REPORT BY PENNY FELL

Jail for man 'involved in drugs since age of 11'

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

POLICE who stopped a car in Barry, found cannabis with a street value of £600, plus counterfeit currency in the form of 17 £20 notes.

Scott Smith (23) of Mountbatten Road, Barry, the driver, was jailed for 12 months at Cardiff Crown Court. He had been convicted by Cardiff magistrates of possessing cannabis with intent and possessing counterfeit currency.

On January 3, said prosecutor Tony Trigg, Smith was stopped in Colcot Road, Barry.

The police became aware of the strong smell of cannabis in the car, and in addition to the drug and the counterfeit currency, they found scales and a mobile

phone. He explained that the counterfeit currency was handed over to him when he sold a motorcycle and initially didn't realise it was counterfeit. Said Mr Trigg: "He is best described as a common or garden street dealer."

His solicitor, Chris Evans, said: "I accept he played a significant role. From the age of 11, he has been involved in cannabis."

"On this occasion, he was caught red-handed. At first, he was a social supplier to friends, but later it was to a wider circle. He has now kicked his drug habit."

Said Judge Rhys Rowlands: "You are not naive. You realise the risks you were taking, and now you must face the consequences."

News update from FocusBARRY

THE VALE is getting a "raw deal" from the Welsh Government on council funding, Vale MP Alun Cairns told a meeting of FocusBARRY supporters on Friday.

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local government.

The meeting also heard from Coun Philip Clarke on his first year as an independent councillor in Rhosne and on his campaign relating to the footpath under Porthkerry Viaduct; Jill John gave an update about the proposed housing development adjoining Brynhill Golf Club; Debra Cleland talked about the plans for more than 700 homes at Waycock Cross, and Karen Gallimore spoke on the forthcoming public inquiry relating to Footpath 75.

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ALL SAINTS TURN INTO PIRATES!



THE reception class at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School has been learning about travel and, to celebrate their work, pupils recently had a Pirate Day.

Everyone dressed in pirate costumes and wore pirate hats they had made, and the day was filled with sea-faring activities.

The children sang pirate songs, listened to pirate stories, played games and feasted on tropical fruit. They even went on a treasure hunt with a map and sets of clues.

Their teacher, Mrs Evans, said: "All the little pirates had a wonderful day and they were so well behaved that no-one had to walk the plank!"

The 'Friends' celebrate 30 years

MORE than 40 members of the Friends of Dyffryn Gardens society gathered in the marquee on June 12 to celebrate their 30th anniversary with a buffet lunch.

Tours of the house and gardens were organised and guided by Geraldine Donovan, the property manager.

An extremely interesting display of photographs and information, including the petition that the 'Friends' launched in 1995 to help save the gardens, was assembled by committee members, as well as a plasma screen display of events that had taken place over the years.

To know more about the Friends, visit www.dyffryngardens.org.uk, e-mail fodyffryn.sec@virgin.co.uk or 01446 792604 – new members are welcome.

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KAREN'S CAUSE BACKED

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has congratulated Karen's Cause on becoming the new local charity partner of Barry Park Crescent's Sainsbury's store.

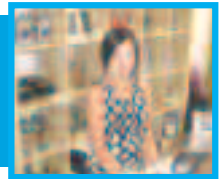
The store announced that Karen's Cause will receive a year's worth of fundraising and awareness support.

Mr Cairns said: "I know the potential difference this initiative can make for local charities in the Vale in raising not just vital funds, but raising awareness of their cause too. I look forward to seeing how the partnership progresses over the coming months."

Customers chose the charity voting in-store and online from May 1 – 15. The charity is raising funds to bring a cyberknife machine to Wales to combat cervical cancer.



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Park Crescent is a vibrant oasis of independent niche businesses offering that 'little bit different' – products and services that you won't find in the big multiples.

Local entrepreneurs are keen to be part of a tight knit community and that's why one local woman, Holly Bennett, chose the location for BLush – which stands for 'be lush' – her impressive beauty boutique.

Holly explained: "I'm from the west end and realised there weren't a lot of beauty salons in the area."

"We opened on May 4 and the response has been brilliant."

"On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, the hectic part of the week, we've been very busy."

To accommodate as many people as possible, Holly has late nights on Thursday and Friday until 7.30pm.

"We use quality, branded products, but charge low prices – the sort you'd pay mobile beauty therapists."

Both sexes are well catered for. The salon offers all sorts of waxes, male grooming treatments, lashes and brows, make-up sessions, spray tanning, nail care and massages.

Holly said: "People can phone for an appointment or just call



ABOVE: For luxury soaps, it has to be Soapilicious.

in."

Park Crescent has a number of businesses that are dedicated to making people look and feel good.

Another 'new entry' just across the road from BLush is Soapilicious, run by Tinu, with a dazzling array of specialist-made soaps to treat yourself to that little bit of luxury.

Tinu has soaps called The Cold Knap, Happy Feet, and, tantalisingly, Moment of Truth.

Tinu recently fulfilled an unusual request. "I made a 5 kilo birthday 'cake' for a health conscious woman who gave a slice of the soap cake to guests at her birthday party!"

Blonde Ambition – a

unisex hairdressers – is another concern that has opened up recently.

Owner Karen Davies told The GEM: "We want to thank all our clients for their support and kind wishes since we opened."

Even pooches have their own salon – Care4Pets. Alison Moya will celebrate her fourth anniversary on Park Crescent on July 4 – she has more than 10 years' expertise in pet grooming.

"We started with an agency providing 'home boarding' for dogs, so that they didn't have to go to kennels, which can be stressful. Instead,



ABOVE: Zoe, Holly and Lisa of BLush in Park Crescent are already building up a big clientele.

they go to the carer's home."

"We also provided dog walking, house visiting for smaller animals, or homes with multiple pets – everyone is CRB checked."

Now, Alison and her fully-trained members of staff offer dog grooming at their salon in Park Crescent.

"We have six groomers in all and operate six days a week from Monday to Saturday."

"We can do all breeds and sizes of dogs, and poodles are a speciality."

"An average price for a groom would be £25." The salon also supplies lots of 'doggy' and

animal accessories, such as beds, coats, collars and the like.

Alison is also happy to give people advice,

particularly in the early days with puppies when people are unsure about how to deal with a particular issue.

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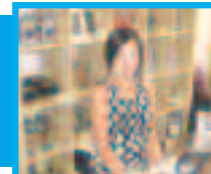
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THESE HARDY PERENNIALS ARE MAJOR STRENGTH OF WEST END!



ABOVE: Karen Davies has just opened a new salon, *Blonde Ambition* and is delighted with the response.



ABOVE: Dimitri, Mario and Craig of *Irene's Supper Bar* – a popular place for fish and chips.



ABOVE: Cutting It are Lauren, Sue and Charlotte.



ABOVE: Florantina has ready-to-go bouquets and seasonal flowers

RIGHT:
Demon Barbers – the friendly and popular grooming salon for local men.

ONE feature of successful local shopping areas is that they have strong family owned businesses which offer continuity for the public – often over decades.

Florantina Florists, which is owned by the Kellaway family, was started 23 years ago. Its displays provide a kaleidoscope of colour.

Jonathan Kellaway explained: "The shop was started by my mother and father, Jan and Den.

"We're a local family and provide bouquets for anniversaries and birthdays, and specialise in funeral tributes.

"Our displays include plants which are much cheaper than garden centres.

"People like dealing with independent businesses and want to be served by people who know what they are talking about."

Florantina Florists is open six days a week and it will deliver as far afield as St Athan, Culverhouse Cross and Penarth.

Jonathan said that the



arrival of a branch of Sainsbury's had not affected his business.

"There were horror stories of what was going to happen but we are as busy as ever."

A hop skip and a jump down Park Crescent, across the mini roundabout and down St Nicholas Road, is The Grapevine.

The store is highly valued by local people because Alan Petersen and his staff are so friendly and knowledgeable.

If you're a repeat customer the chances are you will be quickly on first name terms. It's a great place to browse through a host of wines from around the world.

The staff are qualified in the General Wine Certificate of Knowledge and are happy to make recommendations.

Alan said: "There's a huge choice of chilled wines, beers and ciders, and we offer free delivery too."

"There's good easy



Holly and Stacie of *Just 4 Nailz* have all the latest styles and colours for the summer.

car parking for customers, and we have a deli and grocery section stocking essentials that people might need in a hurry."

The Grape Vine is open every day from 9.30am to 10pm except on Sundays, when it opens at 10am and runs 'til 10pm.

Stitchcraft is a wool and haberdashery store that is precisely the sort of niche business women love to know is available to them.

Margaret Evans said: "We are the largest stockists of Sirdar and Wendy in Barry."



Alan Petersen at *The Grapevine* always has great deals on wine, beer and cider.



ABOVE: Khalid of *Harvey's* is ready to serve the local community.



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It has magnificent views of aircraft arriving or departing the airport, along with the Vale's glorious countryside.

The owners, Kim and Nigel, are proud to be running an iconic venue in the area – once known as The Flying Club, but now The Cambrian Restaurant.

It is no longer an exclusive members' club as Nigel emphasised: "We are open to the public seven days a week and a real hub for the local community."

"We provide great home cooked food seven days a week."

On the day The GEM visited, a local man from Rhose said he loved visiting The Cambrian because of its relaxed, friendly atmosphere, great food and the ongoing spectacle of the planes just a few hundred yards away.

The Cambrian has a beautiful floral balcony overlooking the runway and provides great opportunities for al fresco dining on sunnier days.

Kim said: "We have bands performing live in the garden during the summer, weather permitting."

"There's a range of styles, rock, jazz, folk – an eclectic mix – people can check our website for details."

"We've had a host of



ABOVE and RIGHT: On May 31, the former staff of Cambrian Airways, including pilots, ground crews and air crews, were thrilled to hold a reunion at The Cambrian, many having travelled from different parts of the globe. They couldn't have chosen a more appropriate venue because The Cambrian contains an impressive collection of aviation memorabilia.



bands including Owen Money and his rhythm and blues orchestra and a mix of local performers too."

The interior of The Cambrian evokes a real nostalgia with photographs of Cambrian Airways' aircraft that used to operate from Rhose Airport adorning the walls.

Locals visiting the restaurant have often found themselves rubbing shoulders with some of the greats of showbusiness and sport, such as Michael Douglas, Westlife, George Michael, and world golf number one at the time Rory McIlroy – following their private flights into south Wales, or just before leaving.

Just recently, Jon Bon Jovi and band members who had performed at Cardiff City Stadium popped in to say hello and have a drink.

Kim said the restaurant's popularity was due to the quality of the food and its value for money.

"We are already tak-

ing bookings for Christmas and have dates available for office or staff parties!

"People can also book The Cambrian for special family occasions or corporate events."

Kim and Nigel stressed: "It is the best kept secret in the Vale. Once, it was a private club, but now it is open to everyone."

"Please come and enjoy!"

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School's raffle hopes to buy new bus

Left to right: Mark Chapple, deputy headteacher at St Joseph's RC Primary School, pupils James Chapman and Ben Price, who are both 10-years-old, Charlotte Peach aged 11 and 10-year-old Hannah Murphy with the Nissan Qashqai up for grabs in the raffle and Stephen Peach, deputy business manager at Wessex Garages.



A SCHOOL in Penarth is hosting a summer raffle to raise money for a new mini bus, and is asking people to buy tickets

St Joseph's Roman Catholic (RC) Primary School on Sully Road, is hosting the raffle, while Wessex Garages in Cardiff is supplying the tickets and donating the main prizes.

Gareth Rein, headteacher at St

Joseph's, said: "We are in need of a new mini bus and would like to thank Wessex Garages on Hadfield Road for helping us with the raffle.

"The car dealership is providing the raffle tickets and also two main prizes.

"People will have the chance to win a Nissan Qashqai for a weekend, and also tickets for a family of four to Oakwood theme park in Narberth,

Pembrokeshire.

"The mini bus will allow us to take pupils on educational and cultural trips to aid their learning.

"We will also use the bus when the children have sporting matches."

The tickets cost £1 each and the raffle will be drawn at the school's summer fête on Saturday, July 6 (12 noon until 2pm at the school grounds).

Stephen Peach, deputy business manager at Wessex Garages, said: "My wife, Michelle, works at the school as a midday and breakfast club supervisor, and she mentioned to me that the school were in need of a new mini bus.

"We are delighted that we are able to help them."

To buy raffle tickets, call the school on 02920 702864 or email miniBus@stjosephsrc.com.

RECENTLY, 85 performers from Barry's Superstars Academy performed in aid of the All Saints Organ Appeal.

Billed as 'An Evening with the Superstars' showcasing Barry's amazing talent, it was an enormous success for the organ appeal which was launched in May 2011 in a bid to raise £70,000 for crucial organ repairs.

The event turned out to be very special indeed. The audience were thrilled by the talent, confidence and courage of all the performers ranging from six years old to 24 years.

Principal and director Christian Bullen introduced the individual performers and groups providing snippets of information on their personal achievements.

A range of songs from the musicals and more recent pop songs were performed by a number of soloists and the younger 'budding group' performed 'Aristocats' from the Disney film.

From the 'older budding' group they sang 'Give a Little Whistle' from *Pinocchio* with the two groups coming together in act two for a few more songs

from *Pinocchio*.

Towards the end of the programme the audience were treated to a song from the Superstars' new show *Grease*, only five weeks into rehearsals.

The packed two and a half hour programme demonstrated the breadth and depth of performing talent that the academy is nurturing and developing.

The organ appeal fundraising sub-committee supported the event and thanks go to Jonathan from the Little Blue Deli, and The Grapevine for their support on the evening.

Special thanks to Suzanne Grover, chair of the fundraising sub-committee for working her socks off, leading up to the event and liaising with Christian Bullen ensuring the evening was such a success. The amount raised was an amazing £1,291.33. This takes the total appeal fund to-date up to £68,235.

Superstars is a Barry based performing arts academy for children and young people and they will be performing Grease on August 22 and 23 at the Memorial Hall, Barry. Box office 01446 738622.

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Youngsters' art designs boost local development



VALE pupils have played a vital role in the creation of stunning public art-works which are set to be unveiled this summer at a Taylor Wimpey new homes development in Barry.

More than 70 primary and secondary school pupils helped local artist David Mackie to create the striking showpiece works inspired by the ancient woodland which

borders the leading housebuilder's Golwg Y Coed development.

After holding a series of workshops at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Cadoston Primary, Colcot Primary, St Richard Gwyn RC High School and Barry Comprehensive, David used the youngsters' best designs and ideas to create two pieces of art commissioned by the developer.

ABOVE: Cadoston Primary School pupils, pictured with artist David Mackie, show off their designs for the artworks at Golwg y Coed.

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THE GEM is a brilliant, vibrant paper, so interesting, and I always look forward to the next copy.

The clear concise photographs in beautiful colour captured by Glyn Evans are endearing.

He captures the moment, making one feel you were there and wanting to be at the next event.

Today, I'm referring to the classic car show, but I love all his work. Well done Glyn Evans! Christine Evans, Cwmbran.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE/ IN BRIEF

Falls Awareness
Barry Round Table sponsored Age Concern Cardiff and Vale Free Foot event at Barry Memorial Hall on Tuesday, June 25 during Falls Awareness Week.

There were taster sessions, including Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, tap dancing for Young at Heart, Extend exercises.

Charity night
HOLTEN ROAD Football Club, Barry, is hosting a fundraising night for 'Help the Heroes' on Armed Forces Day (Saturday, June 29) with proceeds split between the charity and Holton Road FC.

The event is being held at Barry West End Social Club (upstairs),

at 7.30pm to include a disco and raffle. Entrance fee is £3.50 per person, and tickets can be reserved by calling Gary Mitchell on 07913 944624.

Barry school's latest musical
B A R R Y Comprehensive School's latest musical will be performing *Miss Saigon* (school edition) on July 9, 10 and 11, at 7pm.

Tickets can be obtained from 01446 411411.

Shadows Club
ON July 9, Penarth's Conservative Club, Stanwell Road (029 2030 9979) hosts South Wales Shadows Club. Play, use PA, or just listen.

PCSOs 'A REAL ASSET'

PCSOs in the Vale were praised during a visit to Barry Police Station by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She said the Assembly-funded Community Support Officers were "a wise investment with so much of their work helping to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, whilst working with the community."

Acting Chief Inspector Sue Sidford said: "We are really proud of the invaluable work our Police Community Support Officers do and know just how much they are valued by their residents, many of whom know their PCSO by name."

"The 14 additional PCSOs have been a real asset to Barry, Penarth and the rural Vale. They have been deployed to increase the number of PCSOs to allow them to work as part of problem



Pictured left to right: PCSOs Ryan Mantle, Kieron Clarke, Hannah Williams and Tim Ursell meet Jane Hutt AM on her recent visit to Barry police station.

solving teams such as in Community First areas."

If you would like to get in contact with your Police Community Support officer please visit: www.south-wales.police.uk and look up 'find your local officer'.

DINAS POWYS PROBUS CLUB

Focus on work of Dogs Trust

ON May 28, Linda Feagan and her colleague Clare spoke to the club on the Dogs Trust, which is a charity devoted to the welfare of 'man's best friend'.

The nearest shelter is at Bridgend which cares for around 60 dogs at any one time.

The trust was founded in 1891 to fight against vivisection, but later broadened its scope to provide homes for strays and help for dog owners.

Its first shelter was set up in 1921 and there are now twenty such sites.

The national annual throughput is about 16,000 dogs, with an average stay of four to six weeks.

Before a dog is rehomed it is checked by a vet, neutered and wormed and insured against any illness for four weeks.

Many dogs are taken in after the owners can no longer provide for

them. This includes families who have to move to a new flat or the like, where dogs are not accepted, or homeless people who cannot keep the animal.

They also accept dogs with behavioural problems.

The trust offers cheap neutering of dogs and micro-chipping is free and Linda emphasised that no healthy dog is ever put down.

The trust campaigns against 'puppy farming' where conditions are often horrific with no veterinary care and puppies become traumatised by brutal treatment.

Clare's main task is to talk in schools to children about the care of dogs and raise their interest in owning one.

The trust is supported purely by voluntary donations and it has a shop in Cowbridge selling dog accessories.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr Malcolm McMuire.

Charles Rees

Primary school mums gain First Aid awards



ABOVE: Award winners, pictured from left to right: Charlotte Bowen, Ceri-Ann Mayor - Alun Cairns MP - Rebecca Cox and Victoria Storm.

FOUR parent governors of Oak Field Primary School in Barry have received First Aid Certificates.

The certificates were handed over by Vale MP, Alun Cairns,

who said: "I think it's a fantastic idea for the parent governors to be supported to study for a First Aid qualification by the school, which ultimately will help benefit their children and the school."

"I was delighted to be able to mothers with their official certificates for gaining the recognised FAST accreditation, which is funded by the Families First scheme."

SCHOOL PUPILS TRY THEIR HAND AT SAILING



CHILDREN from years 4, 5 and 6 in Gladstone Primary took advantage of the fine weather last week at Cardiff Sailing Centre.

The school is committed to enriching the curriculum and tries to offer experiences for the children that they would not necessarily normally encounter. Last summer, all junior children took part in

canoeing sessions at Cardiff International White Water.

For a change, headteacher Caroline Newman and her staff provided the opportunity for the children to receive a free taster session in sailing.

They had great fun trying their hands at sailing the optimist dinghies at the centre and as you can see from the picture above, thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

Speaker from Down Under

DR VAL WEBB will be speaking at St David's Methodist Church, Barry later this month.

Her professional career spans microbiology, business, public relations, writing, art and theology.

As a leading international theologian she has contributed significantly to the United Methodist Church of Australia where she now lives.

A church spokesman said: "We are fortunate to be able to host an evening with Dr Webb at St David's Methodist Church, Colcot Road, Barry, on Sunday, June

30 beginning with tea at 4pm (bring something on a plate to share).

Val will speak for a short time on 'How we image God'.

There will be a short service at 6pm, followed by a talk from Dr Webb on her book 'In Defence of Doubt: an Invitation to Adventure.'

There will be questions afterwards when the Rev Prof Teddy Kalongo will be in the chair; all are welcome.

Further information is available from Rev John Stacy-Marks on 01446 781235.

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Mature Brad keeps zombie movie on track

WHEN director Marc Foster broke through in 2001 with *Monster's Ball*, he showed an unflinching and uncompromising talent that his further work built upon.

A detour into the world of James Bond

resulted in the lacklustre *Quantum Of Solace* but, having directed Gerard Butler in *Machine Gun Preacher*, he now works with Brad Pitt in *World War Z*.

Based on Max Brooks' novel, Pitt plays Gerry Lane, a former UN employee

forced to travel the world in an attempt to find out what has caused the population to be afflicted by a virus that can only be described as a 'zombie pandemic' that has the power to decimate humanity...

Zombies have been in vogue in the last several years; films like *Zombieland*, *Warm Bodies*, *Shaun Of The Dead* and the *Dawn of the Dead* remake have flooded cinemas, while the small screen has seen *The Walking Dead*

become one of the most-talked about TV series of recent times.

Max Brooks' *World War Z* novel came out in 2006, and caused quite a sensation, so its transfer from page to big screen was always assured. Taking the book's collection of individual stories and turning it into a road movie of sorts may have caused concern to the many fans of the source material, but they can rest easy.

World War Z is a highly thrilling effort that, while low-key in comparison to others summer blockbusters, certainly delivers plenty of action and occasional scares.

Taking the story and delivering it from one man's point of view makes for a less disjointed screen experience than a straight translation would have offered, and when that weight is thrown onto the shoulders of someone as subtle as Brad Pitt, then you're in for an assured showing.

The actor is maturing

into a performer capable of real gravitas and here, as a man thrown into the deep end with the future of the human race (and indeed the film itself) resting on his shoulders, delivers an excellent performance, grounding the material through the eyes of a father whose main concern is for his family and how they'll fare in this world turned upside down.

Pitt is the audience's eyes and ears, the story unravelling as we learn information at the same time as the character of Lane, and he provides a wonderfully poised turn in the lead that elevates the film, bringing humanity into the story.

Writer J Michael Straczynski's streamlining of Brooks' novel into a filmable script is very impressive, eschewing none of the drama and weight of the

story and keeping the story moving at a steady pace, while director Marc Foster brings a realistic approach to the film's look, the hand-held camera work giving it a gritty, hard-hitting look.

While, much like his 007 outing, some of the close-up action sequences are edited a little too quickly, he does bring a pleasing scope and clever use of visual effects, which show he's developing some solid action chops to go with his ability to marshal a story.

The only shortcoming the film has is that it feels like a slow build to something that never quite comes. While Pitt's character works the leads to find out what the virus is and how to stop it, the denouement comes a little too low-key, the end lacking in a real

dramatic climax.

That said, it's something that won't effect your enjoyment of what is a very impressive piece of work, *World War Z* a film that is well worth watching.

VERDICT: A low-key offering in blockbuster season, but a step above most of the fare we've seen already, *World War Z* is hugely satisfying piece of work. Brad Pitt's classy performance, coupled with an engaging script and strong direction from Marc Foster, all makes for a hugely watchable effort. **Recommended.**



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Gala Strawberry Tea in Cardiff

A STRAWBERRY Tea, run by volunteers with Breast Cancer Care Cymru, will be hosted by BBC Wales weather forecaster, Behnaz Akhgar, at the Park Plaza Hotel in Cardiff on Friday, July 5.

In true Wimbledon style, ticket holders will tuck into a Pimms strawberry tea while enjoying a screening of the men's semi-final. Other highlights

include a guest appearance by Pembrokeshire adventurer, Tori James, who, at the age of 25, became the first Welsh woman to climb Mount Everest.

Guests will be treated to a fashion show featuring the latest range from Queen B in Penarth, and the 'stars' up on the catwalk have all lived through a breast cancer diagnosis.

There are a few tickets remaining at £35 per head - contact Breast Cancer Care on 02920 234070.

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A spokeswoman said: "This year promises to be the best fun day so far, with something for everyone, from classic cars, to bouncy castles, craft stalls, birds of prey, police dog show and fairground rides. "Whether you're

already a supporter, would like to learn more about the hospice or simply looking for a fun day out, come to Ty Hafan and let us entertain you!

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Rhoose bingo

THE management committee at Rhoose Community Hall in Stewart Road, is holding a fundraising bingo afternoon on Saturday (June 29) at 2.30pm.

Beach clean

BARRY-based environmental group 'Friends of Barry Beaches' will be holding a beach clean on Sunday, June 30 at Porthkerry beach, meeting by the Forrest Cafe at 3pm.

Recently members also supported Surfers Against Sewage with a beach clean at Penarth and were joined by world adventurer Ben Fogle.

Tax help for elder

TAXHELP for Older People (TOP) will offer free income tax advice at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Llantwit Major CF61 1RB on July 1 from 10am-midday. No appointment is necessary. To access TOP helpline, telephone 0845 601 3321, or 01308 488066, when home visits can also be arranged for people unable to attend the surgery.

PACT meetings

Sarn/Bryncorch PACT July 1, Sarn Life Centre at 7pm.

Porthcawl East PACT July 2, Newton Primary School at 7pm.

Bryncethin PACT July 3, Nazareth Chapel at 6pm.

Maesteg East/West PACT July 8, at Cwm Calon Day Centre at 6pm.

Blaengarw/Pontycymer PACT July 8, at Blaengarw RFC at 6.30pm.

Llangeinor PACT July 10, Richard Price Centre at 5.30pm.

Ynysawdre PACT July 10, Ynysawdre Community Hall at 6pm.

Bettws PACT July 11, Bettws Life Centre at

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 780.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Africa Relief Trust (ART) VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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Caerau PACT July 22, at Caerau/Nantyllyn Development Trust at 6pm.

Pyle/Cefn Cribwr PACT July 25, Bethlehem Church Life Centre, Cefn Cribwr at 6.30pm.

Marie Curie Tea Party

BARRY'S Marie Curie fundraising group is holding a Blooming Great Tea Party on Wednesday, July 3 at the Blue Deli, Thompson Street, Barry Dock, between 2pm and 5pm and Little Blue Deli, High Street, Barry between 4pm and 6pm.

All proceeds go to the Marie Curie hospice, at Penarth, which costs over £3.9 million a year to fund.

For more information, contact the local secretary of the Barry fundraising group on: 01446 747928; mobile: 07866078665; email borges888@btinternet.com.

Memo date

PUKKA Productions youth theatre presents *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* at Barry Memorial Hall from July 4 for two nights plus a Saturday matinee.

Church open day

ST PETER'S Church, Old Cogan, is holding its annual open day on Saturday, July 6 from 2pm-5pm.

Hear the New Georgia Jazz Band, enjoy tea and cakes, and browse among the plant, bric-a-brac, book and cake stalls.

Music with a message

SUSTAINABLE development charity, Sustainable Wales (SW), will hold a fundraising gig at the Hi Tide, Porthcawl (July 6), from 7pm. All ages welcome.

"While serving up an eclectic musical mix, S.W. wishes to raise awareness of the climate crisis. For the first time in human history, the percentage of

carbon in the atmosphere has reached 400 parts per million," said Margaret Minihinnick, director.

Tickets are £5 in advance (available from SUSSED in Porthcawl) or £7 'on the door'. Bridgend's rock band, S.E.X., will appear along with Porthcawl's Rebecca Hurn, indie rockers, Badlands, the new-wave-inspired, Nick Ward, and the cool electronic vibe of Peter Morgan.

Gardens open

THE gardens at Gileston Manor, Gileston, CF62 4HX will be open to the public on July 7 (2.30pm - 6pm). Admission £5.

An 18th century walled garden and summer house; 19th century kitchen garden and woodland/herbaceous borders in restoration. Lawns and views across the Bristol Channel. Gardens surround the Grade II* listed manor house.

Free courses

COWBRIDGE Library is running a free course on how to use online newspaper collections for family history research on July 10 from 5pm-7pm. Booking essential on 01446 773941.

The library is also running a free 'Introduction to the Internet' course for beginners on July 16 from 10am-12 noon. Booking essential.

Tenovus concert

DINAS POWYS Friends of the Tenovus cancer charity is having an evening of song on Thursday, July 11 at the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys, at 7.30pm.

Sororitas, a Cardiff-based female choir, offer a wide range of music, from classical pieces to more funky music.

Tickets £5 at the door, or from committee members. Contact 029 2051 4001.

CHARITY FAIR IN BARRY

ENFYS Craft Fairs will be holding its next event on Saturday, July 6 at St Fransis Millennium Hall, Park Road from 10am - 4pm.

Entrance to the fair is free and refreshments are available.

The usual crafters will be at their stalls selling their wares - fabric crafts, knitted teddies and heart cushions, paintings, jewellery, woodcraft, photographic cards, frames, paperweights and painted cards (which can be personalised to suit your requirements), colourful children's items, knitted babies' and adult cardigans and jumpers, bee products, fascinators and mouth watering cakes. Two new crafters selling pottery and felt pictures will be joining the team.

The charity of the month will be Amser Justin Time, a charity that raises money for pancreatic cancer. Amser Justin was set up by Welsh Opera, TV and radio star Shan Cothi, in memory of her husband Justin Smith who died of this disease at the very young age of 42 years.

Shan is indefatigable in her efforts to raise money for this charity and to date has raised many thousands of pounds.

If you would like more information please contact Beryl on 01446 418695 or Cyril on 01446 400149.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School's Annual PTA SUMMER MARKET

Why not come along to browse, whilst enjoying a glass of Pimms! Lots of local crafts people with tempting treats for yourself, family and friends.

Light refreshments available.

Saturday 6th July - 10.30am to 3.30pm

Cowbridge Comprehensive School,

Aberthin Road, Cowbridge CF71 7EN.

If you would like a stall to sell your goods please email: mandypterry@me.com or call 07979 148939

Woodcraft Folk back festival

THREE Penarth schoolboys are among a group of Woodcraft Folk who have been invited to help raise awareness of the free 'Choose Co-operative Festival' on June 29 - 30 at the SWALEC Stadium.

Anton Rogan (aged 10), Victor Rogan (aged 12) and Matthew Pringle (aged 10) are members of Penarth Woodcraft Folk, a co-operative group encouraging young people and adults to work together to learn about local and global issues.

Janice Gillan, an adult member of the Penarth group explained: "We regularly meet to play games, sing, take part in drama, hold discussions, undertake projects, learn crafts, and find out about local and global issues."

"We do lots of outdoor activities including camping, hiking and environmental education."



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www.stjohnsschool-porthcawl.com
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Local pupils explore mine of information at Blaenavon Big Pit



YEAR-3 children at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School enjoyed a living history lesson recently – when they visited the Big Pit at Blaenavon.

They entered into 'The Mining Experience' where they discovered the hardships and dangers of being a coal miner in the past and they also visited the Pit Head Baths.

The highlight of their day was a visit to a real coal mine, led by tour guides who were ex-coal miners.

Fitted out in helmets with lights, they entered a cage and were taken deep underground into the mine.

The tour guides were fantastic and the children had a real taste of what conditions were like in the mines.

None of them ever wanted to be coal miners! The day ended with a trip to the gift shop to buy their souvenirs.

Their teacher, Mrs Williams, thanked the guides for giving the class a brilliant day and an exciting adventure into the past. **NM**

Soroptimists have vital role in prison reform

MEMBERS of Barry and District Soroptimists recently attended the launch, at the Pierhead Building in Cardiff, of an action pack to support their initiative to reduce women's imprisonment across the UK, a joint project of Soroptimists in the UK in partnership with the Prison Reform Trust.

The event was sponsored by Vale AM, Jane Hutt, who is herself a Soroptimist and member of SI Barry and District.

The action pack contains facts and figures about women's justice



ABOVE; Barry member and regional president, Pam Allinson, Julie Lyon, director of the Prison Reform Trust, Jane Hutt AM and Jan Hemlin, chair of the Soroptimist UK Programme Action Committee.

and other useful resources, and suggests steps Soroptimists can take to help end the unnecessary imprisonment of women who are not a threat to the public, and enable them instead to tackle the

causes of their offending.

Juliet Lyon, director, Prison Reform Trust, said:

"The Soroptimists have an invaluable role to play, and the capacity to succeed, both in gathering information across the UK and achieving much needed reform."

"Most of the solutions to women's offending lie outside prison walls in treatment for addictions, mental health and social care, safe housing, debt

management and employment and skills.

"Welsh women face added difficulties as a result of being imprisoned even further from home than English women."

"The answer is not to build a women's prison in Wales – but to consider developing small secure units for the very few women whose offending is so serious that there can be no option but imprisonment."

Police appeal to public after woman is attacked in street

POLICE have issued a public appeal, following an assault which took place at around 9.10pm on Friday (June 21) in West End Avenue, Porthcawl.

A 23-year-old woman was approached by a man in his late 20s seeking directions.

After engaging her in conversation, he took hold of her clothing and struck her across the face.

She broke free, and got into her car and drove off while the attacker made off in the direction

of West Park Drive.

He is described as white, in his late 20s or early 30s, about five feet seven inches tall and of average build.

He had slight stubble on his chin and was wearing dark blue jeans, a grey hooded top with the hood up and with a single pocket that went right through in front.

He spoke with what is described as a "deep Barry accent," police stated.

They are appealing for witnesses, or anyone who recognises the description, to contact them.

Detective Constable Michael

Maud of Bridgend CID said:

"This was a very upsetting experience for the victim and we want to hear from anyone who may be able to assist us in our investigations."

"We also want to hear from anyone else who may have been involved in a similar incident and who may not have reported the incident to the police."

Contact DC Maud at Bridgend CID on 101, or Crimestoppers free on 0800 555111 (quote reference 62130186732).

Barrivale bridge

LATEST results from Barrivale, June 18:
1st, Mike Best & Mick Green 65.48%; 2nd, Peter Millar & Denis Mottram 58.85%; 3rd, Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews 54.17%. - Alan & Lyn won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale; if you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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Lombard Street, Barry - £5,000 p.a.

Recently refurbished suite of offices set over two floors, situated off Holton Road thoroughfare. Barry's main shopping centre. Total floor area approximately 94m²/1015ft. Security roller shutter to front window. Patch, two offices to ground floor. Kitchen, Ladies and Gents toilet facilities and two further offices training rooms to first floor. Rear yard.



Palmersvale Business Centre

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Modern unit suitable for light industrial/warehouse or trade counter uses. Ground floor approximately 371m²/3998ft. First floor approximately 87m²/940ft. Mezzanine approximately 117m²/1262ft. Vehicle access via electrically operated roller shutter door.



High Street, Barry - £6,000 p.a.

Ground floor office. Automatic security roller shutter to front. Main office area approximately 24m²/255ft. separate Kitchen/Staff area/Storage Room and W.C. Lean to work shop. Courtyard with rear lane access. Total Floor Area approximately 32m²/350ft.



Market Street Garage - £325,000

Garage and MOT station occupies a secure lock up purpose built property. The unit is found just off the busy High Street in the West end of Barry. The garage currently provides a full range of garage services and MOT's. Floor area approximately 361m²/3885 ft².



Central Garage, Barry - £55,000

Sold as a going concern. 15 year remainder of lease garage unit. Open plan garage area providing 3 ramps, air compressor, complete MOT set up, tyre change bay. Offices. Store room. W.C. facilities. Forecourt suitable for car sales. Workshop floor area approximately 170m²/1829ft². Sale to include fixtures, fittings and goodwill.



High Street, Barry - £149,000

Ground floor shop unit with one bedroom flat above. Situated in the West End of Barry. Main Shop area approximately 27m²/291ft. Separate staff room/kitchen facilities and w.c. Gas central heating. Maintained to a high standard. Garden area with rear lane access. Total Floor Area approximately 36m²/385ft.



243 Holton Road - £99,950

Commercial unit with good living accommodation. Ground floor shop unit with security roller shutter door. Living accommodation: lounge and kitchen to the ground floor. Three bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. Gas central heating via combi boiler. UPVC DG. Enclosed low maintenance rear garden.



High Street, Barry - £6,000 p.a.

First and second floor suite of offices. Entrance with stairs leading to first floor. Three offices. Two w.c's. Kitchen. Stairs rising to Second floor. Further suite of three offices.



Holton Road, Barry - £5,950 p.a.

Unit previously utilised as office space.

Shop, office, shelving for storage, w.c.

Flexible terms available.



Holton Road, Barry - £5,500 p.a.

Ground floor unit comprising three offices, kitchen, cloakroom, fully secured to front with automatic roller shutters, parking to rear, newly refurbished.



Holton Road, Barry - £8,000 p.a.

Offices set over ground and first floors, with basement, rear yard and garage/workshop. Benefiting from dry garage/workshop to rear with power and lighting - lane access. Four to six offices with option for the ground floor to be open plan. Kitchen. W.C. Basement area suitable for storage.



Holton Road, Barry - £8,000 p.a.

Ground floor shop unit with basement. Benefiting from automatic security shutters to front. Main retail area with archway through to further retail area. Combined area approximately 56m²/609ft. storage room, kitchen and toilet facilities. Total floor area approximately 111m²/1198ft².



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 Three bedroom mid terrace. Entrance hallway, living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility area, shower room, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, UPVC DG, GCH.
£116,950

NEW

KINGSLAND CRESCENT, BARRY
 Spacious dem detached 5 bedroom property. Hallway, living room sitting room dining room, w.c cloakroom, fitted kitchen, shower room, side and rear garden, UPVC DG, GCH, ER - D
£174,950

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£129,950

NEW

WESTWARD RISE, BARRY
 Three bedrooms, porch, entrance hallway, living room, dining room kitchen, family bathroom, UPVC DG, GCH. Driveway, enclosed rear garden.
£194,950

NEW

SURAN Y GOG, BARRY
 Four bedroom detached. Hallway, downstairs w.c, lounge with French doors to rear garden, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, conservatory, UPVC DG, GCH, offroad parking. No chain.
£199,950

NEW

ROMILLY COURT LOWER ROMILLY ROAD, BARRY
 Entrance hallway, living room open plan fitted kitchen. Two bedrooms, family bathroom. UPVC DG, GCH. Parking. No chain
£84,950

NEW

CLAUDE ROAD, BARRY
 Traditional three bedroomed semi detached property. Entrance hallway, living room, kitchen/diner, family bathroom. Enclosed garden to side, rear and front. Detached garage/driveway. No forward chain
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NEW

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 Three bedroomed end of terrace. Entrance hallway, through living/dining room, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden.
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NEW PRICE

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 Two bedroom mid linked property. Entrance hallway, fitted kitchen, w.c cloakroom, spacious living room with French doors to garden, family bathroom. Designated parking. ER - C
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NEW PRICE

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 Two bedroom lower ground apartment. Communal entry system, entrance hallway, living room with doors to outside balcony, kitchen, family shower room. Under floor electric heating. Garage and parking. ER - D
£114,950

NEW PRICE

CANON STREET, BARRY
 Three bedrooms, entrance hallway, through living room, spacious kitchen/diner with French door to enclosed rear garden, family bathroom, UPVC DG, GCH, ER - D.
£157,500

NEW PRICE

AEL Y COED, BARRY
 Four bedroom detached. Porch, entrance hallway, living room leading to dining room, sitting room, kitchen, utility room, w.c cloakroom, driveway, enclosed garden with brick built shed. No chain. ER - D
£199,950

NEW PRICE

GLAN Y MOR, WATERFRONT, BARRY
 Fifth floor apartment. Communal entrance hallway, living room, private balcony, kitchen, two bedrooms (master en-suite), family bathroom, Parking space. No chain. ER - C
£127,950

NEW PRICE

PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY
 Semi detached three bedroom. Entrance hallway, living room, dining room, utility/shower room, separate w.c, fitted kitchen, front and rear garden, sun terrace to the rear. ER - E
£219,950

NEW PRICE

CARN Y EBOL, BARRY
 Three/four bedroomed detached. Entrance hallway, w.c cloakroom, sitting room or additional bedroom, living room dining room, driveway, rear garden. ER - D
£194,950

NEW PRICE

OLD VILLAGE ROAD, BARRY
 Four bedroomed detached traditional property. Storm porch, entrance hallway, living room, dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, family bathroom, UPVC DG, GCH, south-facing rear garden. ER - F
£279,950

NEW PRICE

JENNER ROAD, BARRY
 Three bedroom groundfloor apartment. Entrance hallway, living room with sea views, kitchen, family bathroom. Front and rear gardens. UPVC DG, GCH. No forward chain. ER - D
£108,000

NEW PRICE

BLACKBERRY DRIVE, BARRY
 Four bedroomed detached. Entrance hallway, living room/dining room fitted kitchen/breakfast, w.c cloakroom, family bathroom, integral garage, UPVC DG, GCH. Enclosed rear garden. ER - D
£206,950

NEW PRICE

COURT ROAD, BARRY
 Three bedroom mid terrace property. Entrance hallway through living room, sitting room, kitchen, w.c cloakroom, enclosed rear garden with garage and lane access. UPVC DG, GCH
£116,950

NEW PRICE

CROSS STREET, BARRY
 Mid terrace three Bedrooms. Entrance hallway, living room/dining room, fitted kitchen, GCH, UPVC DG. Enclosed rear garden, garage. ER - D
£99,950

NEW PRICE

PORTH Y CASTELL, BARRY
 Three bedroom detached. Porch, open plan dining room, sitting room, fitted kitchen, w.c cloakroom, living room, sun lounge, parking, garage, front garden, enclosed rear garden, UPVC DG, GCH, ER - D
£404,950

NEW PRICE

KENILWORTH ROAD, BARRY
 Entrance hallway, through living room, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, UPVC DG, GCH, low maintenance garden. No chain. ER - F
£69,000

NEW PRICE

WYE CLOSE, BARRY
 Two bedroomed semi detached bungalow. Entrance hallway, living room, sun terrace, family shower room, fitted kitchen, enclosed rear garden, driveway and garage. UPVC DG, GCH. No chain.
£159,950

NEW PRICE

DOBBS ROAD, BARRY
 Three bedroom semi detached. Entrance hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, family bathroom, gardens to side, front and rear, UPVC DG, electric storage heating. No chain. ER - F
£124,950

NEW PRICE

NORDALE RISE, BARRY
 Two bedroomed, entrance hallway, living room, kitchen, family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. UPVC DG, GCH. Ample street parking. ER - D
£89,950

NEW PRICE

PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY
 Deceptively spacious four bedroom dwelling. Entrance hallway, w.c cloakroom, living room, kitchen/diner, living room, kitchen/dining room, utility room, study, sitting room, UPVC DG, GCH, front and rear garden. ER - E
£399,950

NEW PRICE

WESTWARD RISE, BARRY
 Four bedrooms, entrance hallway, living room leading through to dining room, conservatory, separate study, w.c cloakroom, fitted kitchen, utility room. Enclosed garden, double garage, UPVC DG, GCH, ER - C
£344,950

NEW PRICE

PORTHKERRY ROAD, BARRY
 Four bedrooms, entrance porch, spacious hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, shower room, utility room, front and rear garden, cellar, UPVC DG, GCH. ER - E
£299,950

NEW PRICE

LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY
 Three bedroom semi detached. Porch, entrance hallway, living room, fitted kitchen/diner, family bathroom, UPVC DG, GCH. Driveway leading to garage. Enclosed rear garden, space for shed. ER - D
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NEW PRICE

CONWAY DRIVE, BARRY
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£174,950

NEW PRICE

SMEATON CLOSE, RHOOSE
 Two bedroomed semi detached bungalow. Entrance hallway, living room, two bedrooms, bathroom and kitchen. Enclosed private garden. Access to garage. Driveway. UPVC DG. No chain. ER-D
£135,950

NEW PRICE

MOUNTBATTEN ROAD, BARRY
 Modern mid linked two bedrooms property. Entrance hallway, living room French doors to enclosed rear garden, w.c cloakroom, fitted kitchen, UPVC DG, GCH. Two designated parking spaces. ER - C
£116,000

NEW PRICE

SOMERSET ROAD EAST, BARRY
 Three bedroomed semi detached. Entrance hallway, living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility area, family bathroom, detached double garage, DG, GCH. No chain. ER - D
£154,950

NEW PRICE

CORNWALL ROAD, BARRY
 Three bedroomed semi detached property. Porch, entrance hallway, living room, dining room, sun room, fitted kitchen, outhouse, family bathroom, UPVC DG, GCH, enclosed rear garden. ER - D
£134,950

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 • Ground floor
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 • Double glazing
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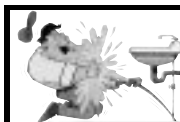
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Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2013/00491/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Existing garages replaced with more appropriate garage and new ancillary building
Location/Lleoliad:	Greystones, Rhoose Road, Rhoose
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Rhoose
Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig	
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2013/00464/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Removal of existing chimney stack and rebuild
Location/Lleoliad:	3, Church Cottages, Michaelston Le Pit
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2013/00494/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Improvements to access from High Street to Old Hall Gardens with new ceiling lighting
Location/Lleoliad:	Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2013/00507/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Block up opening in roof space to adjacent property (no. 73). Remove failed timber beams and replace with concrete lintels
Location/Lleoliad:	The Flat, 71, Eastgate, Cowbridge
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol	
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2013/00512/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Construction and operation of a small embedded short term operating reserve generating plant and auxiliary equipment
Location/Lleoliad:	Former Ineos Chlor Chemical Works
May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus	
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2013/00527/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Proposed 140 metre long and 2 metre high bund and associated planting
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Public debate on 'end-of-life assisted dying and the NHS'

THE Vale 50-Plus Forum hosted an end-of-life debate at the Memorial Hall, Barry, on June 13.

Four eminent experts gave presentations: Dr Richard Hain, Consultant in Paediatric Palliative Care; Paul Badham, Emeritus Professor of Religion and patron of Dignity in Dying; Baroness Ilora Finlay, Professor of Palliative Care and Consultant at Velindre Cancer Centre, and Professor of Law, Phil Fennell. Their presentations dealt with ethical principles, medical ethics, UK law on assisted dying, how patients can ensure their wishes about end-of-life treatment are followed by medical staff, and religious perspectives.

A forum spokeswoman said that at present, although acting illegally, relatives are unlikely to be prosecuted if they assist a loved one to go to a Dignitas Clinic abroad. "However, any medical practitioner would be prosecuted. "Doctors are likely to oppose any active involvement in assisting death, but emphasise the importance of sensitive palliative care in easing the process of dying," the spokeswoman added. The debate was followed by a public question and answer session.

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Family Notices

'POPPY' Gwendoline Romain (Nee Latham)
Peacefully after a short illness which was borne at Holme Towers Penarth, aged 82 years, Poppy of Lloyd Avenue, Barry. Loving wife to Walter and adored mum, nan and great gran. Poppy will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her. The family request that everyone attending the service wear something red.

Resting at Park Independent Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, until a celebration of her life, which is to be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday 5th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations may be made at the service in memory of Poppy to Holme Towers, Penarth.

HARRIES Jillian Mary
Peacefully on June 21st at her home, Maes y Deri, Llangan, after a short illness, Jillian, devoted wife to Peter. Cherished mam of Sian, Owen and Gwennan, a dear sister to David and sister-in-law to Andrea. Daughter-in-law to Freda and the late Vernon. Will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and neighbours.
Funeral Monday July 1st, service at St. Mary Hill Church, St. Mary Hill at 10.30am followed by interment in the graveyard. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to MacMillan Cancer Support c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Graigwen, 12 Pentwyn Road, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 6SB, telephone 01656 860545.

GRAY Francis Edward
Passed away in St Barnabas House, Worthing, on 14th June 2013, aged 93. Funeral service to take place at 3.20pm on Friday 28th June at Worthing Crematorium. Flowers or donations in Francis's memory can be sent to Cancer Research UK c/o Ian Hart Funeral Service Ltd, 92-94 Broadwater Street West, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 9DE. Tel 01903 206299.

CHESWORTH Dorothy
Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 18th June, aged 92 years, Dorothy of The Old Rectory Care Home, Wenvoe and formerly of Redlands House, Penarth. She will be sadly missed by all who loved and knew her.
Resting at Park Independent Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 28th June at 4.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations may be made at the funeral service in memory of Dorothy to Velindre Hospital.

AUSTIN Michael Denton
Peacefully on June 22, after a short illness, at his home in Eglwys Brewis, St Athan, Michael, beloved husband of Sheila, dearly loved father of Barbara and Paul, much loved by all his grandchildren, loving son of Graham and dear brother of David.
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon, Funeral Wednesday July 3, Service and Cremation 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

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Parents plan their own school bus

A GROUP of parents are taking action to get their children to school next year - due to fears that a rural bus service could be scrapped. The under-threat route is the V5 service, which is used by pupils in Rhose, Barry and St Athan to get to Cowbridge Comprehensive School. Free school transport is available to Llantwit Major and Barry, but not to Cowbridge, and this year parents have paid for pupils to use the V5. A spokesman for the parents told THE GEM: "In light of the short

time frame before the start of the new school year in September, a bus company is willing to set up a service from Rhose, St Athan and Llantwit Major direct to Cowbridge School for both the morning and afternoon school runs. "To make the service viable, we will need in excess of 30 as a minimum, up to a maximum of 59. Anyone interested needs to express an interest as soon as possible, either by e-mail to ourschoolbus@gmail.com or by leaving a message on 07977 906189. "Those interested must register their intent by July 12."

Join 'Beefy' on charity walk

THE NSPCC is urging local residents to support 'Beefy's Big Welsh Walk'. Sir Ian 'Beefy' Botham will be walking the Welsh Coastal Path, starting in Barry Port on August 6 and finishing in Cardiff Bay on August 8, to raise funds for the children's charity. The walk is open to people of all ages and abilities and Sir Stanley Thomas, chair of the NSPCC Wales Appeal board, said: "We're hoping that over 200 people will join 'Beefy' each day." For full details, log on to www.nspcc.org.uk/beefy or contact the NSPCC Wales fundraising team on 0203 188 3658, or email beefy@nspcc.org.uk.

Reward for bravery

AFTER that awful incident outside Rhwys Primary school in Rhose, I think it would be good if the 'lollipop lady' Karin Williams was given an award for bravery. I am sure many other people will think the same and support calls in giving this very brave person an award. Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council.

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Barry RFC celebrates successful season

SATURDAY, June 8, saw Barry RFC host the final event of its 125th year, with the annual awards for both players and members being held at the clubhouse.

With the club full to the rafters, reflecting the success both on and off the field in this landmark year, the crowd were entertained by former Wales and British Lions star Tommy David, whose light-hearted look back at his playing days kept the audience laughing throughout the evening.

Award winners, whose trophies were presented by Tommy David, were as follows:

Ladies player of the year – Hannah Bannister; ladies players' player of the year – Judie Cole; most improved player – Lucy Cahill; ladies clubwoman of the year – Rachel Baron.

First XV player of the year – Andrew Buckland; most improved player of year – Darren Deguara; Second XV player of the year – Dave Williams; most improved player of year – Jack Giddings; Third XV player of year – Lloyd Jones; most improved player of year – Michael Jones.

Youth player of year – Luke O'Sullivan; most improved player of year – John Miles.

Club player of the year – Hywel Jones; Clubman of the year – Stuart Lock; Chairman's award – John Williams; Bethan Howell award – Dave Provis; Nick Jones Award – Alun Evans.

Special awards were also made to the retiring youth coaches, Steve and Pedro, recognising their huge contribution over the years.

All photographs of the night will be available on the club website.

AJ



It's summer league action for chess team

BARRY chess team played its first match in this season's East Glamorgan Summer League at the West End Club recently.

This competition has been running since 2009 and Barry have won it three years out of four. This year, Barry's defence of the trophy began with a home win against the Caerffatri club from Bridgend.

The opposition took the opportunity to blood some of their emerging players but pre-match talk of a 4-0 whitewash was banned by the Barry captain, who explained that he had a negative score against the Caerffatri top board.

In the event praise must go to Damon Davies for drawing a technical rook and pawn endgame against Barry's Steve Cunliffe on board 2, despite conceding over 300 grading points to his opponent.

Meanwhile, Lee Davis was in trouble on board one but his opponent grabbed a risky

pawn before falling to something of a cheap shot, while Craig Woolcock on board 3 ploughed straight through the centre of his opponent's position, forcing a resignation with two rooks on the seventh rank, prettily supported by an advanced pawn.

On board 4 Rhys Steele had an advantage in space in a blocked position before winning material and forcing a win in an endgame with a clever tactical idea.

So Barry had to be content to start their summer campaign with a 3-0 win with one game drawn. Matches take

place in July against Cardiff and Penarth to complete the tournament.

A series of fun tournaments have been arranged for Monday club nights including 'Blitz' and 'Lightning' chess, and a pairs tournament. For more details visit our website: barrychessclub.yola-site.com.

The Barry Chess Club meets each Monday at their home venue of The West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY with matches starting at 7:30pm; new players of all ages and standards are welcomed.

LEE DAVIS

Golfers retain team title

SOUTHERNDOWN Ladies successfully defend their 2012 Welsh Team Championship at Cardigan Golf Club.

The team, captained by Norma Barber, were Alaitz Zubikarai, Amy Rees, Myriam Hassan,

Rachel Lewis, Georgia Lewis, and Helen Calvert (reserve).

To reach the final Southerndown beat Fairwood Park in the 1st round, Cottrell Park in the 2nd, Wrexham in the 3rd and then Aberdovey in the semi-final.

The final was between Southerndown and Newport, with Southerndown defeating a very strong Newport side.

Ladies captain, Sarah Morris, said: "The girls played extremely steady golf. They are a credit to Southerndown not only with their golf but the manner with which they conduct themselves."

NW

The Cadoxton bowlers don't see much action!

THE Munro Cup game at Cadoxton against Barry Athletic started with the trial ends but never got any further as the visitors did not fancy carrying on and the game was abandoned, although a WBA Pairs game on

the green was played to completion.

On Saturday, two teams were selected, one against Penyrheol and another against Murch. However it was Cadoxton this time who called one of the games off, due to only eight players being available for the 'A' side, with late call-offs on Saturday morning.

A depleted side travelled to Penyrheol where only two points were obtained, in a match where they seemed to be having a successful day.

Three rinks were in front and holding the aggregate score with just three ends left to play. However, the outcome was just the one winning rink and a loss by nine shots.

DK

Imps celebrate end of season

CADOXTON IMPS AFC recently held their end of season presentation awards for minis and juniors at Barry Island Sports & Social Club and were delighted that Imps founder, Graham Harris, was in attendance to help present the awards to the teams.

Every player received a medal for playing for the club and a certificate for playing in the 40th anniversary season.

There were individual trophies awarded in each age group for most improved player, manager's player, players' player and an annual award for sportsmanship.

The year 9B team (under-14) were awarded their Vale of Glamorgan league title trophy, while the year 9A team (under-14) had already received their Vale of Glamorgan under-14 cup runners-up medals on cup final day.

NEW MANAGERS Due to various changes, the club will be short next season of mini football coaches at under-9 (year 4) and under-10 (year 5).

The club can provide assistance with midweek training but primarily need someone to run the

teams on Saturday match days. The cost of any mandatory coaching qualifications required will be paid for by the club.

If you are interested in joining us, then please contact club chairman Martin Pursall or club secretary Gary Spierling on mpursall@berry-smith.com or 07733318093 or caddyimps@msn.com 07 717357982.

EDDIE MALLETT MEMORIAL FIVE A SIDE TOURNAMENT (SENIORS)

The Imps are again organising a five a side tournament for existing and past senior players/managers at 11am on Sunday, September 8, at the Gol Centre, Leckwith, held in memory of the club's long serving past treasurer, Eddie Mallett.

Teams wanting to participate need to contact club secretary Gary Spierling.

HISTORY BOOK The club are updating their Cadoxton Imps history book 1972/73 to 2007/08 as part of their 40th anniversary celebrations, so if you have any photographs that are not in the current edition of the book then please contact club secretary Gary Spierling to incorporate them in the new and updated edition.

MP

Munro cup success for men bowlers

LLANTWIT MAJOR mens bowlers visited Penarth Belle Vue for their midweek Munro Cup fixture against a team yet to win a game in this competition, and won on three rinks, 86-57.

Charles Hiscock's rink were nine shots up after only four ends before Belle Vue hit back with ten shots on the next five ends to take the lead. Llantwit then won five more ends, finishing with an eight shot winning margin.

Richard George's rink started well, being eight shots up after seven ends; Belle Vue kept going, winning the last 4 ends, losing by 3 shots.

Graham Jones' rink started badly, being 14 shots down after 10; Llantwit then went on short jacks, pulling back 16 shots on last 7 ends to lose by a shot.

Steve Booker's rink were level after 2 ends, then Llantwit pulled away scoring heavily to win by 19 shots.

Llantwit welcomed Penyrheol for a league match on Saturday and they suffered their third successive defeat, this time by just one shot, 74-73.

Steve Booker's rink were the only winning rink; 6 shots ahead after 3 ends, Penyrheol rallied to be only 1 shot behind after 7 ends. Llantwit won the next 5 ends, accumulating a 9 shot advantage which they increased over the final ends.

The skip was well supported by Derek Mutlow, Tom Ingroville and Nick Parry in their 16 shot win.

Neville Young's rink, after losing the first two ends, scored 5 shots to take the lead. The game fluctuated from then on with the scores level on the 17th end, Penyrheol winning the last 2 ends to win by 4 shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink had a late change from their rink when one of

their experienced players had to withdraw due to illness. Llantwit were 2 down after 7 ends and a score of 7 shots by Penyrheol over 4 ends put them 8 shots ahead.

Llantwit then won the next few ends to be only 1 shot behind, losing the final few ends to go down by 6 shots.

Graham Jones' rink, the only winning rink last week, succumbed as well; 5 down after 3 ends, they made a comeback scoring 8 shots by the 12th end to be only one in arrears.

Llantwit were then stuck on a score of 9 for 7 ends to lose by 7 shots.

JY

On Tuesday the lady bowlers travelled to Porthcawl Ladies B.C. for a Cowbridge Challenge Shield match - the sun shone and we had a very enjoyable game.

We won on two rinks and won overall, gaining 8 from the 10 points available.

The rinks were: Liz Crouch, Eryl Nicholls, Etta Gray and May Davies 13 - 14; Edna Hardie, Margaret Horgan, Carol Willmot and Pat Cook 23-14; Kay Johnes, Ann Mutlow, Margaret Morgan and Peggy Pike 19 - 10.

On Thursday, we welcomed Cowbridge B.C. for a rearranged Cowbridge Challenge Shield match. We won on one rink, drew on another and lost on another, gaining only 3 points and losing overall by 3/4's of a point.

The rinks were: Kay Johnes, Ann Mutlow, Margaret Morgan and Peggy Pike 9-9; Liz Crouch, Eryl Nicholls, Etta Gray and Julie Molloy 8 -14; Edna Hardie, Margaret Horgan, Carol Willmot and Pat Cook 12-6 & 3/4.

KJ

Junior tennis tournament

THE well-established junior open tournament at Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club takes place during the last week of July.

It is a popular event with both trophies and prizes to be won as well as ranking points to be earned at this grade 4 tournament, which is part of the LTA summer programme. It is sponsored by Tony Seal of Seal&Co who has a long association with the club.

All ages up to 18 are catered for with mini events taking place on July 29/31 and other age groups in singles and doubles throughout the week. Entry forms may be downloaded from the Tennis Wales site or from ben@valetennisacademy.co.uk; entries close on July 15.

Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club is situated opposite the common in

Dinas Powys and has a large car park and clubhouse. Refreshments will be available throughout the week of the tournament for players and spectators.

A warm welcome awaits all who attend so come and play in this great tournament!

NW

Rhoose bowlers continue success

THE teams at Rhoose Bowling Club have been enjoying some success in their most recent matches.

In their Munro Cup match, the men's team secured a convincing win over Barry Central; they won on two rinks and overall by 62 shots to 40.

Having lost their first C.D.M.L. match against Ystrad Mynach, their winning ways returned on Saturday, June 15. Playing at home their opponents were Penarth Belle Vue, and Rhoose won by 124 shots to 43 shots, winning on all rinks.

The ladies team suffered a heavy defeat in their afternoon league game against Llantwit Major; however they bounced back in their double rink home game against local rivals Barry Romilly. They won on both rinks, and overall by 45 shots to 22.

Last Saturday, the two club captains held a very successful joint captain's day where 23 club members enjoyed several hours of fiercely contested bowling. The winning rink was Ron Craig, Val Lovering, Jim Wood and Ron Evans.

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LS

VALE COUNCIL LIFEBOAT IN 'DRAMATIC RESCUE'



LEFT: Coun Gwyn John, the Vale Council's cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sports development on board the lifeboat, with volunteers (left to right) Leona Hobbs, Layla Hamonda, Rhydian Price and Geraint Rees, the council's works manager Colin Smith, coastal officer Peter Andrews and manager of Rhondda Lifeguard Club, Phil Rees.

A LIFEBOAT owned by the Vale Council, currently on summer loan to Barry-based Rhondda Lifeguard Club, was involved in a dramatic dinghy rescue.

On Sunday, June 2, two men from the Midlands got into trouble in a small inflatable dinghy around 1,000 metres out to sea on the way to Nell's Point.

RNLI lifeguards spotted the troubled duo and were able to radio Rhondda Lifeguard Club to swiftly assist.

Fortunately, Geraint Rees was conducting a training exercise with Leona Hobbs

and Layla Hamonda nearby.

Geraint said: "The men were fearful of the circumstances they found themselves in. The team assisted them on board our lifeboat, kindly on loan by the council.

"We could then secure their dinghy and headed back to shore and safety."

Phil Rees, who manages the 35 volunteers at Rhondda Lifeguard Club and has done so for nearly 50 years, said: "The situation was certainly a dangerous one, the gentlemen had naively taken out a dinghy to sea."

"We always recommend that inflatables are not used in open water. In this case, the

men were ill-equipped and, potentially, their drifting dinghy could have been burst by the rocks nearby and the pair would have ended up in deep water."

The Vale Council's cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sports development, Coun Gwyn John, took time to meet and thank the crew before sportingly experiencing their voluntary work in a staged mock rescue.

Coun John said: "While we have beautiful heritage coastline on our doorstep, this incident underlines that residents and visitors to our shores should always put safety first."

Pupils enjoy cricket on Barry Island beach



Taking a breather in between sports!

PRIMARY schools from across the Vale flocked to Whitmore Bay, Barry Island, earlier this month for the annual beach cricket festival, organised by the

Vale Council's sports development team.

More than 150 youngsters from nine primary schools took part in the one day cricket festival. Teams included Romilly, Murch, Gladstone, Iolo Morganwg, Gwenf, Llancarfan, Evenlode and Maes Dyfan.

The event, which has been running for more than seven years, has proved so popular that two schools from outside the Vale, Thornhill and Meadowlane Primary in Cardiff, also attended.

As well as cricket, the youngsters had the chance to try their hand at bocce. Bocce is a game similar to boules,

and was originally created for people with cerebral palsy, but is now widely played by individuals of all abilities.

Dragon Sport officer, Pete Hardwick, who organised the event said: "There are no winners or losers in our cricket festival, it's all about getting the youngsters involved in the sport and enjoying their day at the beach."

All of the schools which took part in the cricket festival will go on to launch after-school cricket clubs, so those pupils who caught the cricket bug at Whitmore Bay, will have the chance to develop their skills ahead of next year's festival.

Celts hold presentation night



Barry Celts at their presentation night.

BARRY Celts AFC recently held their club presentation night at Barry sports and social club.

The evening was a great success attended by parents and players from all the

teams. Trophies were awarded to all the players with additional trophies given to the players' player and manager's player of each team.

Pictured looking very pleased with themselves are the players with their trophies.

Special thanks must go to the year-7 team who provided the buffet.

This season's year-7 (under-12) and year-8 (under-13) teams are looking for a number of players to join the team ready for next season.

As a club, we operate an

'all players get a game' policy, so come along to a training session and see what you think.

For information, contact David Haines-Knight (07725582001) or Martin Bradshaw (07900327860).

MB

Well done Erin!



ABOVE: Llantwit Major schoolgirl Erin Hayes became the Welsh under-17 women's steeplechase champion at the Welsh Athletic Championships in Swansea last weekend - congratulations!

CH

'Get Home Now' romps home

GET HOME NOW, a five-year-old bay gelding owned by Jayne Brace and her father Gwyn Brace, of Bridgend, was a winner at Uttoxeter last week.

Mr Brace said: "After a number of placings and hard luck our horse won an extended 2 mile 4 furlong handicap and was the first leg of a double for our trainer Peter Bowen, who won the last race with Man Of Steel."

Get Home Now, who was made the 10-3 favourite, was ridden by Tom O'Brien and won by 22 lengths from the Evan Williams-trained Thegaygardener.

Earlier in the day,

Evan, who trains at Llancarfan, was successful with his Di Kaprio who under Adam Wedge won by two-and-a-half lengths from Dr Dalwhynny at odds of 11-2.

POUR CHANGER French-bred Pour Changer, owned and trained by Steve Hughes at Gilfach Goch, was a 7-1 winner of the Progressive (Casino) Jackpots At TotePool.Com Novices Handicap Hurdle (Division 2) at Worcester last Sunday.

Ridden by Leighton Aspell, the eight-year-old bay gelding won by two lengths from Ashcott Boy.

BRIAN LEE

Local Harriers shine in sun

BARRY and Vale Harriers made the short trip down the M4 to the Swansea athletics track recently in glorious sunshine for their WJL-Louise Arthur meeting.

Some notable personal bests: Harry Carter in the hurdles and in the 800m, Tensi Sewell in 1,500m, while Katy Williams recorded 29.4 seconds in

the 200m and 2.43 in the 800m.

Young James Lee, first year athlete with the club, produced his best times in the 75m with 12.1 seconds, 25 seconds in 150m, and 2.88m in long jump.

Evan Jones got a personal best in 150m and Hannah Jones got a personal best in 1k walk to please their hard-working mum!

Cole Saunders and

Kaif Rizvi put in personal bests in the 75m, with times of 11.9 seconds and 11.4 seconds for the under-11 boys.

Charlotte Rose had personal bests for 100m (15.4 seconds) and in the shot (5.99m), while sister Ellie-Mae Rose managed a personal best in the 75m with 14.6 seconds.

William Hardy gained three personal bests in the following events - 12.9 seconds in 75m, 26.4 seconds in 150m and 2.55m in the long jump, while two other young girls, Medi

Western (75m 14.1 seconds, 150m 29.3 seconds, shot put 3.51m) and Dee-Louise Clarke (75m 12.9 seconds, 150m 25.5 seconds, shot put 4.06m) achieved the same feat.

As the club has such a strong membership we are looking for coaches at all age levels; if you are interested, then email fred.malkin@uk.dsv.com. You will be put through any relevant courses and CRB checked by the club.

LS

Iolo cricketers triumph in Vale contest!

YSGOL Iolo Morganwg pupils were crowned tournament champions at the junior schools cricket competition, hosted by Barry Athletic Cricket Club.

Thirteen schools from Barry and across the Vale took part in the tournament arranged by Cricket Wales, and organised on the day by community coach Huw James.

Cricket Wales is the national governing body for the junior and senior recreational game in Wales.

Ysgol Iolo Morganwg pupils from the Welsh medium primary school in Cowbridge, were

pitched against Pendoylan Primary in the semi-finals before facing Llansannor Church in Wales school in the final.

The Iolo cricket team, coached by teacher Mr Alun Roberts, bowled well throughout the day, with very few wide balls and regularly took wickets. The victorious team didn't lose a wicket in the final, with the scoreboard reading 252 for 0 for Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, against Llansannor's 216 for 4.

Ysgol Iolo Morganwg will now represent the Vale in the All Wales Cricket Wales tournament which takes place on July 2 at St Fagan's; best of luck to the Iolo cricketers!

CH

Town in search for new players

COWBRIDGE TOWN FC is on the lookout for players for the coming football season.

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Ladies looking for players

ARE you interested in playing ladies football?

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The team is currently training every Thursday evening, 6-8pm, at the Buttrills Field, Barry and new or experienced players are welcome to attend.

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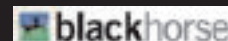
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WELLINGTON'S obvious relief in the wake of the coalition army's cliff-edge victory over Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo on June 18, 1815, had a sporting resonance Down Under on Saturday.

While a rugby test between the touring British & Irish Lions and Australia can hardly claim the global significance of a seismic event, almost exactly 198 years earlier near Brussels, which changed the course of history, the Iron Duke's response could equally apply to the nail-biting Battle of Brisbane, whose outcome was also literally in doubt to the very end – with the Lions narrowly triumphing 23-21.

The tourists went into this opening clash of the three-test series at the Suncorp Stadium on the back of five wins and one loss (12-14 to the Brumbies) during which they had amassed 273 points to just 68 against.

Thus confidence was high, notwithstanding a run of injuries to several key players that had disrupted planning for the main event – and had exposed an alarming lack of quality strength in depth.

Frantic long distance phone calls for reinforcements had been made to a miscellany of scattered players who were not even in the originally-named squad, with even the retired Shane Williams being hurriedly pressed into emergency service.

The result was a distinctly un-Lions-like, mix 'n' match line-up against the Brumbies, who took full advantage of the consequent disarray. The win gave the Wallaby camp (quietly locked away for weeks, keeping their cards close to their chests, while British media frenzy centred on the Lions) a timely psychological boost on the eve of the big match.

Typically, the men in gold who had not been in action together for many months, were swiftly out of the blocks, marshalled by mercurial scrum half Will Genia, and should have been six points up in as many minutes, but for two missed penalty kicks (repeated failings that would prove crucial to the eventual outcome).

In the 12th minute, however, League wing convert Israel Folau powered away for the first of two quite remarkable

BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John

first half tries on his international debut, only one of which was converted.

Fortunately, ice-cool full back Leigh Halfpenny had no such problems with his trusty boot, keeping the Lions in the hunt with a typically well-struck penalty.

Sandwiching Folau's two tries was a defining moment in the match when George North scored a breathtaking solo try, which legendary coach Sir Ian McGeechan later extolled as "one of the greatest in Lions' history", leaving four defenders clutching at thin air in a Jonah Lomu-like charge to the line.

Five minutes later, he almost repeated the feat, foiled only by a desperate last-ditch tackle after another powerful dash to the corner flag.

(How the Scarlets regional chiefs must regret their short-sightedness in selling off their prize asset to English rivals Northampton Saints, who are surely rubbing their hands in glee at their good fortune in securing such a world class crowd-puller, for what may yet prove a bargain basement fee).

PENDULUM SWINGS

With the pack now asserting themselves at the set-piece, buttressed by rock solid tight head Adam Jones, the pendulum edged their way, yielding another penalty award – which Halfpenny for once misused, the Lions clinging to a narrow 13-12 lead at halftime.

Eight minutes after the changeover, Alex Cuthbert suddenly appeared from the right wing to break through the defence for a superbly-worked try near the posts, converted by Halfpenny; but two rapid Wallaby penalties reduced the arrears to 20-18, before the impeccable Welsh full-back's boot widened the gap – only for the Lions to be penalised again!

This brought the score to 23-21 in the touring side's favour and the nerves were beginning to show as the 80th minute approached.

A gripping, though less than classic, see-saw contest that had been marked by mounting Australian casualties

(which saw a flank forward moved into the centre) and confusing decisions at the breakdown by the New Zealand referee, Chris Pollock, had a truly dramatic climax in store. Replacement outside half Kurtley Beale, who had already fluffed one penalty attempt, had a last-gasp chance to snatch victory out of the fire for Australia, when the Lions were penalised almost on the stroke of full time.

Incredibly, his foot slipped in the run-up and the final whistle immediately sounded to give the Lions a close-run victory, that head coach Warren Gatland – echoing Wellington – admitted was "very close... it could easily have gone either way".

He and his assistant coaches know that ultimately they had Lady Luck to thank, and a marked step-up in performance will be needed in the second test at the Etihad stadium in Melbourne on Saturday, if they are to claim an historic series victory.

There were some alarming shortcomings in evidence, particularly up front in the second half, after Lions' substitutions, including the departure of lynchpin Adam Jones, saw a dramatic weakening of the previously solid scrum.

They aimed to reassert this in the game against the Melbourne Rebels (led by Wales' other forgotten man, Gareth Delve) on Tuesday in the last regional outing and lay down a marker before going for glory in the crunch test.

In the event, the Lions ran out comfortable five-try winners by 35-0 and with injury scares continuing, some of those players, including match skipper Dan Lydiate, Toby Faletau and Ian Evans, were hoping to stake a last-ditch claim for a place in the test 23.

They will be nervously awaiting today's announcement of the team, which had been delayed as the Lions' camp, already reeling from the latest loss of second row enforcer Paul O'Connell, waited to see if loosehead prop Alex Corbisiero and centre Jamie Roberts had fully recovered from injury, before clearing the decks for the big showdown on Saturday.

For the wounded Wallabies, of course, it is make or break, if they are to level the series.

In contrast, the British & Irish Lions know that one huge Herculean heave will suffice for them to make history and render the third and final test an irrelevance.

As the late, great Irish comedian Frank Carson might have said: "It's going to be a cracker!"

An eventful season for Barry RFC...

The 2012/13 season proved to be another eventful year for Barry RFC, who were celebrating their 125th anniversary.

With some new faces – and old – appearing for the green-and-whites, early season predictions of the fortunes of the club varied, with those optimistic hoping for promotion.

After a good pre-season

Brynhill Golf Club

JUNE 16, Dave Bruce Cup:

Winner: Rhys Connell, 66; runner-up: Rhys Jones, 67 (back nine = 35); gross: Matt Mullooly, 70. Number of competitors: 103; competition standard scratch: 72.

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showing against Cardiff, the team carried the positive momentum into the league, going unbeaten in their first six games, including a remarkable defensive performance in the 6-6 draw at Wattstown, who would finish the season as champions.

A bad October and November saw the team lose narrowly on several occasions, sometimes just, sometimes not, but hard work on the training ground, marshalled by head coach Darren Gibbons, forwards coach Dai Griffith and team manager Stuart Lock, saw the club turn things around as winter frost set in.

Barry would defeat all comers from December to March, with the whole squad contributing to their seven-game winning run. Unfortunately, their momentum was halted in April when injuries, fixture congest-

tion and player fatigue set in, and their promotion chances were dented by some narrow defeats.

On reflection some may argue that had Barry had a bit more luck in several games where they lost by the slimmest of margins, then promotion might have been in the bag. However, at the end of the day the table does not lie, and despite failing to gain promotion, the team has performed admirably, improving on previous campaigns.

The management will hope this will springboard the club into further success in the forthcoming season.

After a turbulent 2011/12 season, where the 2nd XV flirted with relegation for much of the year, 2012/13 was predicted to be an even tougher season.

With the team promoted to the Premier Division of the Cardiff & Vale District League,

Barry 2nd XV was widely expected to struggle. The season began in disastrous fashion, as numerous unavailable players in the opening game against St Peter's saw a heavy home defeat.

After three defeats in three, things were not looking good for coach Rhidian Scott and interim manager Ken Chow, but to their credit – and the players – things soon turned around.

Bringing in fresh faces for the clash away at Clwb Rygbi, where it was billed as a make-or-break game, Barry returned home with a superb bonus-point victory, with eventual player-of-the-season David Williams bagging a hat-trick.

That proved to be a turning point for the season, as Barry won eight out of the next 10 games, gathering momentum as the squad grew in confidence. The season ended

on a high with a bonus-point victory on the final day against table-toppers Llanishan, and the management would hope that the momentum and togetherness shown by the squad will be carried forward to the upcoming season.

Meanwhile, following a difficult 2011-12 season, the Third XV – the Barrians – were off and running again last season. With a combination of experience offered by a number of veterans, and the enthusiasm of some youngsters, player-manager Ken Chow had the luxury of selection headaches throughout the season.

The return of several senior players with first team experience, most notably Rhys Manford, Will King and Brad Gee, were pivotal to the team's performances in the season.

The season began with a disappointing away

reverse at local rivals Old Penarthians, but frowns soon turned into smiles as the Barrians won their first game in over a year, defeating Sully at home.

With more players showing up at training, a greater cohesion was shown at game time. The management successfully blended a style of rugby that suited the powerful pack but also the versatile backs, and

this began to show the team's true potential.

The weather did prove to be a hindrance to the Barrians' progression, but dedication and hard work saw the team rewarded with a fine victory over Dutch opponents Wageningen.

The season was rounded off with a superb win over Old Penarthians, a powerful pack but also first victory over their bogey side.

The management would like to thank all the players who appeared in Barrians colours this season. With the team entered into the District league for the next campaign, hopes are high for the 2013/14 season.

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Millwood bowls round-up

MILLWOOD faced Pontypridd at home in a Division 3 encounter on June 22 and kept up their winning ways by beating Pontypridd by a total of 12 shots, 83-71, and a points total of 10-4.

Although there was a bit of a strong breeze blowing for most of the game, and the occasional slight shower among the sunshine, both sides were involved in a game that saw a lot of good bowling, resulting in a close, hard-fought game.

The final score depended on the outcome of the last couple of ends, though one rink had their result sewn up fairly early in the game.

This week the side travel to Gellagade for their game on the artificial turf – let's hope we come away with some points!

Millwood also played Cowbridge away in the Munro Cup, but sorry to say, took a bit of a heavy defeat and they now face Penarth.

In Division 6, Millwood A were defeated 104-75 by Barry Central.